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# Furious Beirut shelling kills 26

twice that number had been proposed for release but the Shin Bet security service vetoed the freeing of many senior activists.



# Gorbachev ends visit to Cuba

Friendship treaty signed

HAVANA, April 5. (AP): Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev ended his 63-hour visit to Cuba today after promising the Kremlin would refrain from putting military bases or nuclear weapons in Latin America.

Cubans lined Havana's streets this morning to bid farewell to Gorbachev and his wife Raisa, as they headed to the airport for a trip to London. Prensa Latina, the official Cuban news agency, estimated the crowd's size at 500,000.

About 700 buses were mobilised for the Gorbachev motorcade, banners were draped along the 18.6-mile (30-kilometre) route from downtown Havana to Jose Marti airport, and many people waited more than three hours for a final glimpse of the Soviet leader. Many workers were given time off to join in the departure activities.

Prensa Latina said Gorbachev's visit "was an expression of the new breezes of renovation that are blowing through the relations between the socialist countries, characterised by the strictest respect of each for non-intervention in internal affairs and the right of each country to apply the formulas most appropriate to their own individual conditions and their own experiences."

Gorbachev ended his first diplomatic trip to Latin America at mid-morning following a hectic day yesterday highlighted by his late afternoon speech to the National Assembly.

With President Fidel Castro sitting nearby, Gorbachev told the assembly that Moscow supported the creation of a "zone of peace" in Latin America and an end to all outside military aid to the region.

Gorbachev's comments seemed directed largely at the United States, whose hemispheric policy for years has been based on concerns about Soviet influence in the region.

Castro introduced Gorbachev to the National Assembly, delivering a fiery 30-minute address in which he blasted US policies across the board, particularly Washington's support for anti-communist insurgents.

He also criticised Western reporters for saying Gorbachev's reforms at home had produced a rift between the two.

Castro pointed out that the two countries have immense cultural, economic and historical differences, and it is only natural that they would follow different ideological paths.

Still, Castro has indicated in the past that he was troubled that Gorbachev would embrace some aspects of capitalism as part of his sweeping policy shifts.

At a news conference after his speech, Gorbachev also dis-

## Gorbachev heads for UK Soviets flayed

LONDON, April 5. (Agencies): With Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev due to arrive in Britain tonight, nearly a third of the 650 House of Commons legislators have signed an advertisement in the Times of London accusing the Soviets of continuing human rights abuses.

The 212 legislators said in the full-page advertisement placed by the all-party parliamentary committee for the release of Soviet Jewry and published this morning:

"We welcome President Gorbachev's arrival in Britain. We also welcome the concluding statement of the Vienna conference and the Soviet government's renewed commitments to improving human rights conditions in the Soviet Union which are contained in it."

"We note the British government's conditions for attending the Moscow human rights conference in 1991 and we would measure Soviet performance of their commitments against the following checklist:

"Freedom to emigrate, freedom of religious and cultural

sed as "inventions" Western media portrayals of him and Castro "almost as enemies."

As proof of the durability of the Soviet-Cuban alliance, Gorbachev and Castro signed a 25-year treaty of friendship and co-operation yesterday.

Gorbachev did lend credence in his speech to widely reported Soviet unhappiness with Cuban use of Soviet economic aid, estimated at \$5 billion annually. Economic ties between the countries, he said, "should be made more dynamic, more efficient and mutually productive."

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# Army officer killed in Colombo blast

COLOMBO, April 5. (Agencies): Bombs exploded in Colombo and other Sri Lankan towns today as a strike called by Sinhalese militants to commemorate a bloody, anti-government uprising 18 years ago crippled trade, government activity and traffic, officials said.

An Army officer was killed and three policemen were injured in the explosions, said military officials.

The officer was killed when he attempted to defuse an explosive planted in the town of Ambalan-

tota, 150 kilometres (90 miles) south of Colombo, they said.

The policemen were injured in another explosion at Panadura town 16 kilometres (10 miles) south of the capital.

Explosions were reported also from a Colombo suburb and the town of Ratnapura, but there were no casualties, the officials

said.

In Colombo, heavily armed troops and policemen patrolled the streets. Most shops, businesses and government offices were closed and there was little traffic.

An official of the railway department, speaking on condition of anonymity, said rail services had dropped by more than 60 per cent because many employees did not report for work.

Residents in southern Sri Lanka, the Sinhalese heartland, said the strike had crippled daily life.

"There is heavy patrolling by troops and police but everything is at a standstill," said a trader in Galle. "Shops, banks, offices and businesses never opened and even the small tea kiosks put up shutters."

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Residents in southern Sri Lanka, the Sinhale



# To the 'nip it, tuck it, lipo suck it' crowd: Just wait!

TORONTO, April 5, (UPI): A gerontologist who once posed as an 85-year-old woman to see how society feels toward older people says baby boomers will pay for their negative image of old age.

"Ageism is going to be like racism was in the 1950s," said Patricia Moore, 36, a Montvale, New Jersey, consultant who was in Toronto to address a conference on ageing.

"We are teaching ourselves to be sad about growing older. We are teaching

ourselves to be sad about tomorrow," Moore said in an interview.

Moore said what she calls the "nip it, tuck it, lipo suck it" generation's misguided belief that diet, exercise and science can prevent ageing means they are not changing society to accommodate them when they do get older.

"The future is scary because we're being so stupid today," Moore said.

The crunch will begin in North America in the year 2000 as baby boomers — who form a huge bulge in

the population curve — move into retirement and begin overloading the social and health care system, Moore said.

Only if changes in attitudes and systems begin now is there hope for the future, she said.

She criticized greeting card companies for turning birthday milestones like turning 30 into negative events. She also criticized the medical community for ignoring preventative care while promoting things like facelifts

"because you'll be a better person" for it.

"This is the lunacy of ageism," Moore said.

"We paint a picture of being older as being anything from laughable to cruel," Moore said.

Moore gained first hand knowledge of the problems facing the elderly when, between 1979-82, she posed as an 85-year-old and travelled throughout North America.

Using make-up and various bodily

restraints, Moore was able to simulate sensory and physical deterioration commonly associated with ageing.

She has published a book, *Disguised: A True Story* (Word Inc.) about her experiences, and an NBC television movie is being made about her experience.

Moore told the Toronto conference how a Clearwater, Florida, police-woman hit her a nightstick for sitting on a building's steps, and how she was badly beaten by a gang who left her

lying in a pool of blood.

"It was OK to beat up that old lady just because she was there," said Moore, adding she thought she was going to die after the attack.

Moore said people also avoided touching her, as if "that (ageing) skin thing must be infectious, catching."

But Moore, who posed as both an elderly bag lady and a wealthy older lady, said she also saw "incredible charity and kindness."



**Torch passes**

Coretta Scott King hugs her youngest son Dexter after passing the torch of the presidency of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change to him April 4 on the anniversary of King's assassination 21 years ago. (Reuter wire-photo)

## Births up, deaths set US record

WASHINGTON, April 5, (AP): Births in the United States rose last year despite a decline in the number of women of prime childbearing ages, the government reported Tuesday, indicating higher fertility among women in their 30s.

At the same time, the nation set a record for deaths in a year, the National Center for Health Statistics reported.

Births rose two per cent to 3,913,000 in 1988, according to the annual summary from the Centre, part of the Health and Human Services department.

That's the most births in this country since 1964, the Centre reported. It represented a rate of 15.9 live births per 1,000 people, up from 15.7 a year earlier.

Deaths in 1988 totalled 2,171,000, a record. It was an increase of 44,000 from the year before. The 1988 death rate was 8.8 per 1,000 people, up from 8.7 a year earlier.

The Centres' annual report also showed 2,389,000 marriages in 1988, down one per cent from the year before, and 1,183,000 divorces, a two per cent increase. "Within the childbearing ages, the number of women 15-29 declined while the number of women 30-44 increased," reported the Centre. It noted that the ages 20 to 29 traditionally are prime years for American women to have children.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Broker 'harassed'

NEW YORK, April 5, (AP): A socialite art collector who tormented her stockbroker by telephoning him 1,208 times in one week has pleaded guilty to aggravated harassment, been fined and ordered not to contact the man for three years.

Ethel Scull, 67, claimed she lost thousands of dollars in the October 1987 stock market crash by following tips of broker Charles Lewis, a Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. vice-president.

But prosecutors said Lewis helped Scull make \$300,000 months before the crash by putting her money into government bonds. They said Scull made the calls during a week in January 1988, including one day when she telephoned him 485 times.

### Car hits Gore's son

BALTIMORE, April 5, (AP): The six-year-old son of US Senator Albert Gore Jr. was in serious but stable condition yesterday after being hit by a car as the two left Memorial Stadium following the Baltimore Orioles' baseball season opener.

Albert Gore III suffered a broken rib, thigh fractures, a ruptured spleen, bruised lung and a concussion, said Elaine Freeman, a spokeswoman for Johns Hopkins Hospital.

According to police, witnesses said the child let go of his father's hand and was hit by a car when he ran out into the street near the stadium.

The driver of the car, Jasper McWilliams, 22, of suburban Middle River, was not speeding and no charges were filed, police said.

### Jury grants lottery

LOS ANGELES, April 5, (Reuter): A California woman beat the state lottery for three million dollars yesterday — in court.

A state court jury awarded Doris Barnett, 54, the three-million-dollar prize she had claimed from the lottery's weekly big spin contest and a bonus of \$400,000 in damages.

Barnett spun a giant lottery wheel on Dec 30, 1985. Her ball landed in the three-million-dollar slot and master of ceremonies Jeff Edwards exclaimed: "You're another three-million-dollar winner."

But seconds later the ball popped out and nestled in the 10,000-dollar slot.

Barnett was awarded the smaller prize, but she refused to cash the \$10,000 cheque and sued the State Lottery Commission.



\$17,578,000

A painting by Pierre-Auguste Renoir of a man helping a woman up a wooded path has been sold for £10,340,000 (\$17,578,000), a world auction record for the artist, auctioneers Sotheby's said.

The price paid Monday night by London dealers Baskett and Day for the 1870-dated painting titled 'La Promenade' was the seventh highest at auction for any work of art.

The price makes Renoir the fourth most expensive artist at auction. Above him are Vincent Van Gogh with three works, Pablo Picasso with two and Claude Monet with one.

## Was Pam's mom a mole?

Janata youth burn Bordes effigy

CHANDIGARH, India, April 5, (UPI): The mother of Pamela Bordes — a former Miss India now enmeshed in a British sex scandal — once had "mysterious connections" with a defence minister and should be investigated to see if she was a spy, a state official said Tuesday.

Partap Singh, chairman of northern Haryana state's Small-Scale Industries and Export Corp., claimed during a press conference that Shakuntala Choudhury's "misadventures and free life style" had caused Bordes to become "wayward and distraught."

"I abhor peeping into the private lives of others, but now

that the sex episode has been blown up, it is time for all nationalistic and patriotic persons to come out to help the Indian government to unravel the shady character of Pamela's mother, who always managed to remain close to the powers-that-be," Singh said.

Bordes has been in world headlines since last month, when the British press alleged the former Miss India operated as a \$1,700 a night call girl who had a security pass to enter the House of Commons, as well as links with arms dealers and Libyan officials.

The reports claimed her access to so many powerful men left

them vulnerable to blackmail, but Bordes has denied she was a security risk and she has been cleared after an investigation by British sleuths.

The Indian-born model is believed to currently be in Hong Kong, where early Tuesday she checked herself out from a hospital that was giving her treatment for injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Indonesia.

In another development, a group of students at Chandigarh University hanged and cremated an effigy of Bordes in a mock funeral of the former model staged against the controversial figure for "bringing disgrace to Indian womanhood."

## News on cancer

### Test can calculate risks for smokers

IRVINE, California, April 5, (Reuter): A new laboratory test can pick out individuals at high risk of certain smoking-related cancers, a Texas researcher said yesterday.

Another researcher told an American Cancer Society seminar here that early laboratory evidence shows that a widely available, cholesterol-lowering drug may also block the spread of colon cancer to the liver.

Dr Margaret Spitz, a researcher at the University of Texas, found that exposing human cells in the laboratory to a chemical known as bleomycin sulphate produced a large number of breaks in the chromosomes of some individuals, a condition Spitz referred to as "chromosome sensitivity."

The sensitivity "was associated with a four-fold elevated risk for head and neck cancer, even after taking into account the effects of smoking and alcohol use," Spitz said.

The test results help explain why all smokers do not ultimately develop smoking-related cancers, she said.

Bleomycin sulphate is a cancer-fighting drug made by Bristol-Myers Co.

Though the test found a significant link between chromosome sensitivity and head and neck cancers, it fell short of predicting such cancers with absolute certainty.

Fatty chemicals in grilled ground beef inhibit stomach tumours in mice, another scientist said, three years after other researchers found other chemicals in well-done burgers can cause rodent cancer.

The scientist's new research also found cancer-fighting fatty acids in varying amounts in natural and processed cheeses.

The research was paid for partly by milk producers but mostly by the National Cancer Institute.

Saturated fats and cholesterol also found in beef and cheese have been linked previously to heart disease and some cancers, so "we're certainly not suggesting that people go out and chow down on cheese and hamburgers," microbiologist Michael Pariza said.

Pariza said his study shows that "in many foods there are good substances that may counteract the effect of bad substances."

"That's why it's a good idea to eat a balanced diet," said Pariza, director of the University of Wisconsin's Food Safety Research Institute.

He said the cancer-fighting chemicals — called CLA or conjugated linoleic acids — also occur naturally in human blood and mother's milk, and in most animal products.

"People should be reassured to know there are things in food that prevent cancer," he said.

Scientists at California's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory reported in May 1986 that hamburgers fried or broiled well-done contain chemicals that can cause cancer, mutations and chromosome damage in mice and rats.

## Journalists rap Britain

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 5, (AP): The International Federation of Journalists today criticized legal curbs on press freedom in Britain and the "systematic and extensive" use of the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher makes of the law to control the media.

"Britain undeniably has a tradition of free speech," the IFJ said in a 26-page report. "But there is no recognised right to know. (That right) is increasingly under attack."

Britain has long had laws to prevent publication of information on grounds of national security.

"But the government of Mrs. Thatcher has made more systematic and extensive use of those means to try and control the media and the press," said the report.

## Take heart

BERNE, April 5, (Reuter): People with heart disease do not have to give up sex, a study published by the Swiss Cardiology Foundation yesterday said.

The report, written by West German heart specialist Carola Halhuber, said Swiss and American surveys showed a third of men and women suffering heart attacks gave up sex but their fears were unjustified.

"Anyone who can still climb the stairs normally or walk round the block need have no worries about resuming the sexual activity he or she had before a heart attack," Halhuber wrote.

She said a Japanese study of 5,500 sudden deaths showed only 34 happened during sexual intercourse. Eighteen of the victims had heart failure including 14 who were having an extra-marital affair at the time.

It was not sexual intercourse itself, but the circumstances in which it took place, which caused the greatest stress. "External stress factors are very small when sexual relations are free of secret," she added.



John Friedrich (centre) is escorted to the Perth police headquarters yesterday after a massive hunt across Australia. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Aussie hunt ends

### Fugitive caught

SYDNEY, Australia, April 5, (AP): Australia's most-wanted man, sought for the theft of 40 million dollars (\$33 million), was captured today after a two-week manhunt that stretched all the way across the outback.

John Friedrich was the subject of a nationwide hunt since he vanished from Melbourne on March 21, leaving his search-and-rescue company bankrupt

with debts of 225 million dollars (\$180 million).

Friedrich was caught outside a gasoline station near Perth, the capital of western Australia (state), after driving 3,000 kilometres (1,840 miles) across the continent.

Police said Friedrich, who has shaved off his distinctive beard, offered no resistance.

## Women face growing threat from AIDS

VIENNA, April 5, (Reuter): Women face a growing threat from AIDS — not just infection with the disease but its economic and social consequences, a United Nations report said yesterday.

At least 1.5 million women world-wide, out of an estimated total of five to 10 million people, could be infected by the AIDS virus, said the report presented to the UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting in Vienna.

And an "incalculable" number of women were affected by its economic and social consequences.

"Women's lack of status within the family and society heightens their vulnerability to infection and to other consequences," the report said.

The disease, while primarily affecting homosexuals and bisexual males and intravenous drug users in developed countries strikes mainly heterosexuals in Africa and the Caribbean and is on the increase among women elsewhere.



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Indian labour

DUBAI, April 5, (GNA): The Indian Minister of Labour B. S. Dube yesterday announced that an Indian delegation is currently visiting Arab Gulf states to discuss problems related to overseas Indian workers.

The decision to send the delegation resulted after a debate on the labour issue in the Indian Parliament. They intend to find solutions for the problems of Indian workers in the Gulf states.

One of the items on the agenda is to examine the reaction of Gulf businessmen to the Indian government's decision that Gulf employers pay in advance the cost of air tickets of future Indian employees.

## Manpower

KUWAIT, April 5, (KUNA): The committee on housing policy and manpower development is studying the strategy of manpower development on the basis of the general development strategy approved recently by the Supreme Council for Planning.

The council's Secretary-General Fuad Mulla Hussein told KUNA that the committee had discussed a working paper prepared by the secretariat general on the main needs of manpower development.

A sub-committee was formed to draft the strategy before its submission to the main committee.

## Fund-raising

KUWAIT, April 5, (KUNA): Palestine's Charity Committee, an affiliate of the International Islamic Charitable Foundation, will raise money for Palestinians in the occupied territories in Ramadan.

The committee's chairman Dr Amin Al Agha said they will receive zakat (alms) and will launch a fund raising campaign.

He said the committee would co-ordinate with Kuwait's Zakat House to arrange breakfast meals for Palestinians in the occupied territories during the holy month.

## Secondary exams

A TOTAL of 20,961 students of both sexes will appear for the secondary exams to be held May 23 through June 5 this year, according to an Education Ministry official.

Abdul Mohsen Al Saeed, assistant undersecretary for information and students affairs at the Ministry of Education, said that 807 students of both sexes will appear for the secondary education exams conducted by the Religious Institute.

The ministry has decided to set up 89 committees to supervise the exams which will be held in 12 private school buildings, Saeed said.

He added that males appearing for exams this year total 7,525 of whom 2,277 are Kuwaitis, while females total 5,125 of whom 1,674 are Kuwaitis. All students are from the science secondary division. Additionally, 4,000 male students from the arts division of whom 2,266 are Kuwaitis and 4,250 girls of whom 2,014 are Kuwaitis will also appear for their respective exams this year, Saeed added.

## Imposter

POLICE yesterday arrested a 16-year-old Kuwaiti student for posing as a member of the "Police Friends" group and asking shop owners to pay money to guard their shops.

The student, identified as Samer K., allegedly urged several shop owners to "donate" to his group and provided forged receipts.

The public relations department of the Ministry of the Interior has requested the public to ask for identity cards of persons collecting any kind of donations, and to inform the police about those failing to provide their identities.

## Denial

EGYPTIAN Consul General and Plenipotentiary Minister Al Saeed Sultan has denied allegations that his government banned the entry of Asian housemaids accompanying families who visit his country.

What is true is that the Egyptian immigration authorities have deported Asians in Egypt whose residency visas have expired, Sultan said. He added that all servants having valid visas and accompanied by their sponsors are welcomed to visit Cairo.

## Neo-Muslims

AN official source at the Ministry of Justice said that a total of 345 men embraced Islam last year in Kuwait. The majority of nationalities embracing Islam were from India, Philippines and Thailand, the source added.

## Meeting

KUWAIT, April 5, (KUNA): Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Abdullah Al Roqba today received Jordanian Minister of Energy Hesham Al Khatib.

The two officials discussed issues of mutual interest.



## Amir receives credentials

HH the Amir yesterday received the credentials of the New Thai Ambassador to Kuwait, Sukhum Rasmiddatta.

The credentials were presented at a ceremony held at Bayan Palace. It was attended by minister of the Amir Diwan Affairs, minister of state for foreign affairs, Amir Diwan undersecretary and the head of the Amir Guard.

## Minister denies report

## Malaysian palm oil controversy simmers

KUALA LUMPUR, April 5, (KUNA): The Malaysian government has denied reports from Oman that hard stearin palm oil with melting point above 50 degrees Celsius found in Gulf states markets as food or ghee products are imported from Malaysia.

Primary Industries Minister Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today he had no reason to believe that Malaysians were doing this adding: "Hard stearin palm oil is usually used in making soap."

The minister was commenting on reports from Oman that Malaysians exported hard stearin palm oil for use as food or ghee products.

He said Oman's 1985 standard for vegetable ghee enforced by its government in 1987 was so restrictive that it excluded good quality ghee made from palm oil.

He pointed out the Federal Land Development Authority (FELDA) used to export palm-based ghee to Oman but found its exports blocked due to this standard which specified iodine value of minimum 70. This precluded 100 per cent palm-based vegetable ghee or high incorporation of palm products.

Dr Lim said the Palm Oil Research Institute of Malaysia (PORIM) has also made representations to the Omani directorate-general on the matter.

He said some palm-based products exported to the Gulf states did not conform to local standards and were referred to the local municipal authorities and stopped.

The minister said the complaint in Oman could have been with reference to the period before the vegetable ghee standard was enforced.

He said other countries had taken advantage of the market demand for ghee in Oman and exported low quality products.

"I am sure none of the hard stearin palm oil exported as food or ghee products comes from Malaysia based on reports from our task officers in the area who are continuously monitoring our (palm oil) programmes globally," he added.

In a statement to the Arab Times, a Malaysian diplomat in Kuwait said "Palm oil has been a subject of smear campaigns in the United States." He said the "consumption of palm oil reduces blood cholesterol and is not detrimental to health."

## Floods destroy villages, death toll mounts

## Thousands homeless in S.Yemen

MANAMA, April 5, (AP): South Yemen's Interior Minister Saleh Al Seyali told the Gulf News Agency today that two weeks of flash floods had left "about 40" people dead.

Scores of others were injured as a result of torrential downpours that started on March 19 and are still continuing, he said in an interview with the Bahrain-based GNA.

He said the death toll was based on reports from provinces hit by the floods, but that precise figures on victims and damage were not available.

On Saturday, Seyali issued a statement putting the death toll at 18 and the injured at 40. He also said more than 2,000 homes and public buildings were destroyed, thousands of acres of agricultural land, wells and canals were inundated and thousands of cattle drowned.

Seyali said the homeless were occupying schools and abandoned buildings until new homes could be built for them.

He gave no figures, but other officials have said that between 50,000 and 100,000 people may

have lost their homes in the flooding. Some towns and villages have been "totally isolated" after the rains swept away roads, water pipes and telephone lines, Seyali said.

Flash floods are a common occurrence this time of the year in central regions of the impoverished Red Sea country, but this year's were the worst for a long period, according to official statements.

Neighbouring countries on the Arabian peninsula, led by

Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, have flown tents, food and medicine to South Yemen.

Oman, the Yemen Arab Republic, France and Britain, in addition to the European Economic Community, the World Health Organisation, and the Development Programme, have all sent contributions to South Yemen, the United Nations Disaster Relief Office (UNDRO) said today, but added that there was still a need for medicines, foodstuffs, construction equip-

ment and electrical appliances. In a report on outstanding assistance requirements, UNDRO pointed that the South Yemen authorities had estimated material damage in the Saiyoon district alone at \$33 million.

Previously the government has said that some 1,400 private houses had been destroyed in flood-hit areas, alone with 40 public offices and one hospital. Roads, irrigation systems and some airport installations had also been seriously damaged.

## Don't dry up

## Drink more water in Ramadan: doctor

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

A LEADING nephrologist has warned of the dangers of drinking too little water, and has urged Muslims to drink at least two litres of water between dusk and dawn during the month of Ramadan.

The warning came in light of a recently concluded two-year survey done at Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital, which shows a 50 per cent jump in kidney failure during summer months, April to September.

Dr K.V. Johnny, who heads the department of nephrology at the hospital, said there is a "higher risk" of forming kidney stones during Ramadan, when water intake is reduced due to long hours of fasting.

A majority of people, he said, tend to eat large quantities of protein-rich foods at night, upsetting the metabolism, and neglect consumption of fluids.

The dietary habits of a Muslim



Dr K.V. Johnny

change during Ramadan, when he eats after sunset and before sunrise. "As a result, he doesn't drink water during the day, but he works, perhaps in the sun, and sweats, causing dehydration," Dr Johnny explained.

Because we eat protein-rich food, salt intake rises but output

(excretory function) decreases, causing a higher formation of uric acid resulting in "renal colic," he said.

"This may start the process of salt crystallisation, leading to the formation of a kidney stone at a later stage," he said. To avoid such an eventuality, he advised Muslims to drink plenty of water at a balanced, fatless diet and avoid sudden bursts of exercise.

Another risk is urinary infection, especially among females, due to the formation of bacteria, he said. Dehydration also results, he added.

He strongly advised people with a kidney problem "not to deprive themselves of water. They must drink as much water as possible."

He said that during the summer, 1.3 per 1,000 patients are admitted for renal treatment and 35 for acute kidney failure at the Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital alone.

He also cautioned people against excessive exercise during

the summer, which may result in kidney problems. "People who are not accustomed to exercising often take up swimming or jogging too abruptly, causing muscular strain which can affect the kidneys."

Kidney disease is a major health problem in Kuwait with a high incidence of 100 patients per million people. In the West, the ratio is 60-80 patients per million population.

Recently, the Health Ministry advised patients on dialysis treatment to seek kidney donors for transplants. Dr Johnny claims the decision was made because of a shortage of dialysis beds. There are 250 patients on dialysis, of whom 60 per cent could have transplant operations.

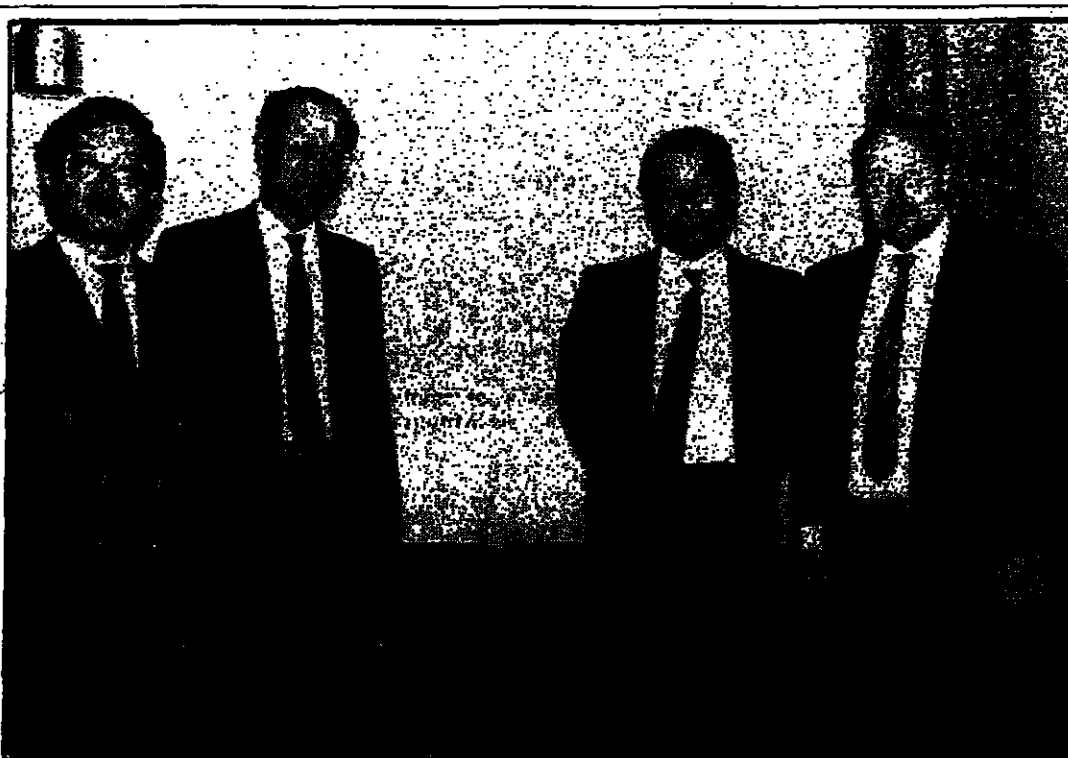
He dispelled a common misconception that the life expectancy of a person on dialysis is under one year. He said: "There is only a five per cent chance of someone succumbing to disease; 95 per cent of dialysis patients survive longer than one year."

## Consumer products costlier

FOOD stores in Kuwait expect a further hike in prices during Ramadan. A number of local food store managers interviewed by an Arab daily said cost of consumer products has gone up and will rise further. The cost of corn and soya oil went up by 25 to 30 per cent. Cost of chicken shot up by 20 per cent a ton; the price of tomato paste doubled. But Arabian desert sales have gone up by 200 per cent due to Ramadan.

## Congratulations

KUWAIT, April 5, (KUNA): HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Bin Ali on the occasion of his election as President of Tunisia.



## Accommodation contract

Japan Air Lines and SAS Kuwait hotel recently renewed the crew accommodation contract Above (L-R) Yoshitaka Takemura, GM JAL, Mitsuo Ono, station manager JAL; Atsuchihiro Saisho, president JAL; and Werner Kuendig, GM, SAS Kuwait hotel.

## Strategy stresses development on human resources, training

## Upgrading manpower

KUWAIT'S development strategy programme has adopted the slogan "Upgrading of the Kuwaiti Human Being", according to Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shamlan.

In his opening speech at the administrative seminar, entitled, "The Kuwaiti Experiment", the minister said that the strategy was based on developing the capabilities of Kuwaitis and enhancing their contributions in different productive sectors.

Shamlan said that the administrative process constituted the first issue in the government's programmes issued by HH the Crown Prince and Premier at the beginning of 1988, and which were reiterated by HH last week confirming the necessity of developing the expertise of Kuwaiti youth in shouldering their responsibilities towards the development process of the country.

He reiterated HH the Amir's urging to senior officials at the state's ministries and institutions to prepare themselves for a qualitative transition to be witnessed by the country by the 1990's.

Shamlan stressed the importance of synchronising the educational process with training, and said that without this combination the future of social and economic development will not be realised.

Speaking on the achievements of Kuwait University and the applied institutes, the minister said that about 25,245 had graduated from the university 19,290 from the institutes of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.

Shamlan said that the integration of government and private efforts will constitute a basic introduction towards realising national objectives.

The two-day seminar which ended yesterday, was designed to debate the experiments of a number of government institutions, including Kuwait Investment Authority, the Public Institution for Social Security, Kuwait National Petroleum Company (KNPC) and Kuwait Airways (KAC), in addition to the experiment of the Ministry of Finance.

Also speaking at the seminar, Dr Ali Mohammed Al Baddah confirmed that the achievement of administrative development requires the concentrated co-operation of all concerned authorities.

Al Baddah said the debate on the experiments of state ministries and institutions, will help in upgrading human resources and modernising the adminis-

trative system. The Kuwaiti community is looking forward to a qualitative leap in different fields of administration, in addition to a comprehensive renaissance that will bring the country on par with advanced nations, he said.

Referring to experiments of the developed countries in the field of administrative development, the official said that these countries had provided decent incomes to their citizens, preserved their legal and constitutional rights and overcome discrimination. Consequently, these countries had eventually achieved their objectives in the economic, social and administrative spheres.

Khaled Saleh Bu Hamrah, deputy managing director of KNPC, debating his company's experiment at the first session of the seminar said that Kuwaitis amounted to 47 per cent of the company's manpower in the refining sector. The Kuwaiti percentage in different departments amounted to 42.4 per cent, he said. Manpower requirements are evaluated by taking into account developments in the local arena as well as regional and international economic situations, Hamrah said.

Speaking on the conclusion of the seminar yesterday, Dr Fahed Al Rashed, managing director at Kuwait Investment Authority said that the authority paid special attention to the training issue in order to upgrade employees efficiency. To achieve this objective, the authority had created an executive apparatus that consisted of a training division supervised by a training committee.

The Deputy Director General at Kuwait Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Homoud Al Modhaf said that the manpower structure in Kuwait is suffering due to a lack of Kuwaiti contribution. Quoting statistics, he said that Kuwaiti contributions in the government sector amounted to 44.3 per cent, 9.1 per cent in the joint sector and 3.5 per cent in the private sector.

Also speaking at the seminar Dr Abdullah Ghanem, director of the Banking Studies Institute said that a training division had been established at the institute designed to sustain the activities and the development of human resources in the banking sector.

## Infant victim

## Criminal injustice

KUWAIT'S General Prosecution recently heard the case of gruesome crime committed by a housemaid against an infant. Al Watani reporting the case yesterday, said the prosecution had concluded the "examination of the atrocious crime allegedly committed by a maid."

It said the court was told the maid allegedly, taking advantage of the absence of her employers, inserted a ballpoint pen into the vagina of a six-month-old girl. The paper said the "act was a reprisal by the maid for her alleged mistreatment by her employers."

The mother found the child bleeding when she returned home because the maid "had forgotten to retrieve the instrument from the baby's body." The mother had heard the child's frantic cries and found her in a pool of blood.

The baby was rushed to the Adnan Hospital. No further details were reported by the paper.

## Loan granted

## Gulf Air to buy 4 more new Boeings

By Yakub Razaqzadeh  
Arab Times staff

BAHRAIN, April 5, Gulf Air, the national carrier of Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and UAE, signed a syndicated loan agreement worth a total of \$260 million with a host of major regional and international banks to buy four new Boeing 767's at the Gulf Hotel, Wednesday.

Representatives of an 18-member banking syndicate, led by Chase Manhattan, signed a total of 36 documents involving the deal.

Gulf Air received \$208 million as "debt" and 20 per cent or \$52 million of the total amount in the form of "Japanese lease agreement" or equity investment involving a number of leading Japanese banks.

Ali Ebrahim Al Malki, president and chief executive of Gulf Air signed the loan agreement on behalf of the airline.

He said the purchase of the new aircraft reflects the national carrier's policy of fleet development and expansion plans by 1995.

"This is the first time that Gulf Air is getting a loan of this size from such a large group of local and international banks," said Malki.

Gulf Air is in the final stages of replacing its existing aircraft with latest models equipped with spacious and additional seating-range, he added.

Malki said the airline will require more funds in the coming years to buy more aircraft and equipment to implement expansion plans. He also stated that after two years of "minimal loss" Gulf Air registered a profit of between BD2 to BD3 million in 1988.

According to Malki about 90 per cent of Gulf Air's revenue comes from the international network, while 10 per cent involves the domestic circuit. He also added that the domestic market yields the airline little or no profit and is merely used to provide "a service to the Gulf."

The chief executive welcomed "fair competition" from other major international airlines and hoped Gulf Air will receive traffic rights to fly to more countries in the near future. He called for reciprocal traffic agreement between Gulf Air and other national carriers.

When asked about the likelihood of Gulf Air flying to Iran, Malki said the airline has already received some clearance to operate flights to that country soon. He added that official approval from Tehran is expected hopefully any time.



## Token gift for Young

THE Chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah yesterday presented a token gift to Andrew Young, the mayor of Atlanta.

Young was invited by the Kuwait Olympic Committee.

In a meeting yesterday, Sheikh Fahd discussed with Young Atlanta's preparations for the 1996 Olympics.

Young, who concludes his visit today, yesterday met Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Al Mubarak and Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Sabah.



## Police round up Turkish activists, find arms

ANKARA, April 5. (Agencies): Turkish police detained 26 left-wing activists in the past month and seized weapons, ammunition and explosives, security officials said.

Istanbul police reported holding 14. Ankara police chief Mehmet Agar told reporters that his men had picked up 12.

Three guns, 140 rounds of ammunition, explosives, banned leftwing literature and police uniforms were found in searches of the homes of the Ankara detainees, Agar said.

A security source said those held in Ankara were members of the Dev-Sol (revolutionary left) which claimed responsibility for bombing the Istanbul offices of three leading companies on Sunday. The affiliation of the Istanbul group was not given.

The Ankara group were held responsible for bombing the Metal Employers Union office in January and a branch of the ruling Motherland Party in October 1988.

The culprits of all acts of political violence in Ankara, since the beginning of last year, are now known to us, Agar said.

In a separate development, Turkish police arrested two US women in Istanbul as they tried to protest against a film festival screening of "The Last Temptation of Christ." US and Turkish officials said today.

A US consular official said police had not given full details about the names or charges against the two women but their release was expected shortly.

Istanbul police confirmed the arrests, which occurred late yesterday at the festival's second screening of the Martin Scorsese film, which shows scenes of Jesus Christ fantasising about making love.

One woman read out a speech denouncing the film as a commercial exploitation of spiritual values. Police arrested them as the second woman prepared to speak, organisers said.

Turkey has stiff anti-evangelical laws, but the police refused to say under what charges the women were held.

About 200 Muslim demonstrators marched in protest against the first screening of the film earlier yesterday, manhandling one policeman. No arrests were made then.

Protesters chanted "prophets are innocent" and "Allah-Akbar" (God is great) before dispersing. The film began 45 minutes late after police searched the cinema for bombs.

"There have been protests all over the world, there are such minorities everywhere," said one festival organiser, adding that the remaining two screenings would go ahead as planned.

Iran withdrew its entry from the festival in protest at the screening of the film, saying it insulted Christ who is recognised as a prophet by Muslims.

The demonstration was the latest in a series of Islamic fundamentalist protests in Turkish cities in recent weeks that have fuelled a growing crisis between Iran and Turkey, which has been a secular republic since 1923.

Turkey recalled its ambassador to Iran on Monday, saying Tehran had interfered in its internal affairs over a ban on Muslim headscarves in universities. Iran said it would also recall its envoy from Ankara.

## US places restrictions

LONDON, April 5. (KUNA): The US has sharply restricted access of Israeli scientists to its nuclear weapons laboratories, according to a report here today.

The move made earlier this year was prompted by the discovery that Israelis had been given access to classified information on nuclear explosions, said the Independent newspaper.

Israeli scientists wanting to visit the Los Alamos and Livermore laboratories were now subjected to the same security checks as those imposed on Third World and communist countries, added the daily.

It quoted a "source familiar with the new rules" as saying that "in effect, Israel has been lumped together with India and Pakistan as being on the nuclear danger list."

However, it was not clear how previous visits under the old lax regulations might have aided the Israeli nuclear programme.

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# Libya gets Soviet jets able to hit Israel

NEW YORK, April 5. (Agencies): The Soviet Union has sold Libya high-performance bombers with sophisticated airborne refuelling ability that will allow Libya to increase its ability to strike targets in Israel, the New York Times reported today.

In addition, the Soviet Union appears to be helping Libya train pilots to fly the advanced bombers, the Times said, citing unnamed Bush administration officials.

The administration sources could not explain why the deal was made at a time when the Soviets are seeking to strengthen relations with Israel and some of its Arab neighbours.

The deal could have included up to 15 Sukhoi-24D Fencer bombers, and as many as six of the planes already may have been received by Libya, the administration sources said.

In addition, Libyan pilots may already have arrived in the Soviet Union for flight training, the sources told the newspaper said.

Libya is likely to station the Soviet bombers at Bumbah, an airfield that was the base for two Libyan fighter planes shot down by the United States in January, the sources told the Times.

The SU-24D airplanes which can fly 805 miles (1,300 km) round-trip without refuelling, would greatly enhance Libya's ability to hit targets in Israel and beyond, the newspaper said.

One official said US intelligence traced the delivery of the first six SU-24s from Novosibirsk in Siberia to the Umm Al-Qaiyah airfield in Libya aboard an Antonov-22 cargo aircraft.

ISLAMABAD, April 5. (Agencies): Muslim rebel rockets killed six people and wounded 24 in the Afghan capital of Kabul amid reports by a Western diplomat that the guerrillas are planning a co-ordinated assault on the city.

The rocket attack yesterday was the bloodiest assault on Kabul since Soviet troops completed their withdrawal from Afghanistan on Feb 15.

Two rockets fired from the hills outside the Afghan capital exploded in the city, mowing people down with a lethal spray of shrapnel, witnesses said.

One landed in a park, killing an old man and a child, and the other in a shopping street, destroying a cigarette shop, killing its owner and killing or maiming shoppers.

Six rockets hit a northern residential area of Kabul yesterday.

The attacks on the capital follow a lull of several weeks and residents fear that with the advent of spring the mujahedeen rebels fighting to topple the government may be stepping up their campaign to terrorise Kabul's two million inhabitants.

A Western diplomat said the US-backed Afghan rebels are planning a co-ordinated assault on Kabul and civilians are fleeing the city in anticipation of heavy fighting.

But the diplomat said fighting had diminished in the past week around eastern city of Jalalabad. He said the guerrillas were maintaining their siege of the strategic city, but were having trouble co-ordinating the assault by various rebel groups.

The Western diplomat said the rebels, who are based mostly in Pakistan and receive arms from

Dumas telephoned his Spanish counterpart yesterday.

In a rare show of emotion, President Francois Mitterrand yesterday made an impassioned plea "to awaken the universal conscience" to the plight "of an entire population which may be destroyed by violence in the days, weeks or months to come."

Speaking in West Germany during a meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Mitterrand said: "The usual diplomatic channels appear to be powerless to stop those who want to destroy Lebanon."

Shelling of Christian East Beirut by Syrian gunners and their Muslim allies has aroused strong emotion in France, which maintains close links with Lebanon — a country France ruled for 20 years until its independence in 1941.

Conservative RPR party leader Alain Juppe, former culture minister, Francois Leotard and two former French ambassadors to Lebanon joined others at the Lebanese embassy.

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## Rebel rockets kill 6, wound 24 in Kabul

### Soviets criticise Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, April 5. (Agencies): Muslim rebel rockets killed six people and wounded 24 in the Afghan capital of Kabul amid reports by a Western diplomat that the guerrillas are planning a co-ordinated assault on the city.

The rocket attack yesterday was the bloodiest assault on Kabul since Soviet troops completed their withdrawal from Afghanistan on Feb 15.

Two rockets fired from the hills outside the Afghan capital exploded in the city, mowing people down with a lethal spray of shrapnel, witnesses said.

One landed in a park, killing an old man and a child, and the other in a shopping street, destroying a cigarette shop, killing its owner and killing or maiming shoppers.

Six rockets hit a northern residential area of Kabul yesterday.

The attacks on the capital follow a lull of several weeks and residents fear that with the advent of spring the mujahedeen rebels fighting to topple the government may be stepping up their campaign to terrorise Kabul's two million inhabitants.

A Western diplomat said the US-backed Afghan rebels are planning a co-ordinated assault on Kabul and civilians are fleeing the city in anticipation of heavy fighting.

But the diplomat said fighting had diminished in the past week around eastern city of Jalalabad. He said the guerrillas were maintaining their siege of the strategic city, but were having trouble co-ordinating the assault by various rebel groups.

The Western diplomat said the rebels, who are based mostly in Pakistan and receive arms from

Dumas telephoned his Spanish counterpart yesterday.

In a rare show of emotion, President Francois Mitterrand yesterday made an impassioned plea "to awaken the universal conscience" to the plight "of an entire population which may be destroyed by violence in the days, weeks or months to come."

Speaking in West Germany during a meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Mitterrand said: "The usual diplomatic channels appear to be powerless to stop those who want to destroy Lebanon."

Shelling of Christian East Beirut by Syrian gunners and their Muslim allies has aroused strong emotion in France, which maintains close links with Lebanon — a country France ruled for 20 years until its independence in 1941.

Conservative RPR party leader Alain Juppe, former culture minister, Francois Leotard and two former French ambassadors to Lebanon joined others at the Lebanese embassy.

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Shevardnadze: blame

the United States and China among other nations, need a co-ordinated plan and better weather before mounting an assault on Kabul.

"Mujahedeen shoors (councils) around Kabul are attempting to force co-ordinated plans for pressure on regime forces in the city," he said.

"This, and continuing snow, are delaying military operations."

He said the rebels will wait for the winter's heavy snow to melt and flooding to subside before launching any major push against the capital.

Pakistan is risking its reputation by backing Afghan rebels despite accords that led to the departure of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was quoted as saying.

"Islamabad has embarked on a road of actual refusal from observing the obligations under the accords, sanctified by the name and authority of the UN," he said in an interview published in the Indian Patriot newspaper today.

"Any government should

think twice before challenging the international community in such a way and before resorting to such a gross violation of international law," he said.

"It puts at stake too much — the reputation of the country, on who's word one could rely, as well as the future of its relations with the countries of the region," Shevardnadze said.

An Afghan court today convicted two Pakistanis of spying and sentenced them to 18 years and 16 years in jail respectively.

At separate hearings held in a former royal palace in Kabul, Mohammad Ashraf, 35, and Mohammad Afzal, 26, admitted having been sent into Afghanistan by Pakistani military intelligence.

The president of the three-man court said both would have been sentenced to death had they not confessed fully and pleaded for leniency.

The two men were previously shown to the world's media here on March 19 and the trial, held in public and with Afghan television cameras present, added little to what was learnt then.

Ashraf said he was a sergeant in the Baluch Regiment and had entered Afghanistan with three colleagues. He said he was caught trying to get back to Pakistan.

Afzal said he was a corporal in the Pakistan Criminal Investigation Department who had been sent to Kandahar to obtain military information and to persuade five Afghan soldiers to return to Pakistan with him.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry dismissed the trial of two alleged Pakistani spies by the Afghan government today as a "desperate ploy."

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## OPEC opts for stability

## A new facade

By Nicholas Moore

LONDON, (Reuters): A new kind of OPEC is struggling to emerge from the wreckage of the old organisation that once appeared to hold the world to ransom.

Chastened by a glut, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries presents a pragmatic and businesslike face.

And its Secretary-General, Subroto Chatterjee, insists now that the goal is not to ratchet prices up but "the restoration of a stable oil market."

Like the mini-kirt, stronger oil prices seem back in fashion. Prices are up nearly 50 per cent this year around \$20 a barrel for West Texas Intermediate, the US benchmark crude.

Market experts attribute the recovery to new OPEC curbs on excess supply — a rare show of discipline by the 13-nation group — together with firm petrol demand and incidents like the US tanker spillage which cut the flow of Alaskan oil.

But OPEC shows no sign yet of turning more aggressive.

Such influential Gulf Arab nations as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait fear a replay of what happened after the 1973 and 1979 oil "shocks", when \$40 oil created a glut by stampeding the West into energy conservation, alternative fuels and the development of oil basins which were outside OPEC control.

As a result of those developments, OPEC now pumps less than 20 million barrels daily of oil, down a third since its heyday in the 1970s.

In its effort to get back in the drivers' seat, Subroto said in a keynote speech recently, OPEC now hopes to hold prices around a target of \$18 for a year or so while its market share revives to perhaps 23 million barrels daily in the early 1990s.

But the organisation, for all its fearsome reputation, has tried to take that road before — only to find that some members broke ranks and drove prices up when the market was tight or undercut one another when it softened.

Its media megastar, the then Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, led the most ambitious bid for a stable world energy market under OPEC hegemony.

A Yamani committee in 1980 came up with the idea of indexing modest, quarterly oil price rises to West's inflation, rate of economic expansion and the value of the dollar.

Called in OPEC folklore "the three-ringed circus," a remarkable meeting was held of its oil, finance and foreign ministries at Vienna's Hofburg Palace to endorse the plan.

## Realism

It ended in disarray. Libya, favouring a higher base price, accused Yamani of "dictatorship." And even as the talks proceeded, founder members Iraq and Iran went to war.

Nearly a decade later, the glut has forced a new realism on participants. An Iraq-Iran ceasefire has eased tensions among Middle East members. And the charismatic Yamani has gone.

OPEC insiders say Yamani upset others by using the weight of Saudi oil power to try to coerce them, turning the taps up or down to flood or tighten the market.

But he never quite got his way. He could not stop Iran, Libya and other "hawks" taking prices up to \$40. Then, when he flooded the market in 1986 to try to get Britain and other non-OPEC sellers to cut output and give OPEC back its market share, they called his bluff. Prices sank too far even for Saudis.

OPEC had to reintroduce output curbs, becoming once again the residual supplier of oil. And King Fahd later replaced Yamani with Hisham Nazer, a matter-of-fact technocrat who had earlier masterminded Saudi Arabia's five-year plan.

Other personnel changes have also shaped the new OPEC. Its conference chairman since 1968 has been Riwanu Lukman, the Nigerian oil minister, a courteous consensus-builder in the tradition of his nation's British-schooled civil service.

And in 1988 ministers named Indonesia's Subroto as OPEC Secretary-General. The aristocratic Subroto won his OPEC spurs as Indonesia's oil minister in the crises of a decade ago when he mediated tirelessly between the "hawks" and Yamani's camp.

A recent Vienna meeting demonstrated the new, collegial approach favoured by Lukman and Subroto. Ministers used the occasion to begin consultations far in advance of the next full conference, on June 5, on the potentially divisive question of reallocating output quotas.

The goal, delegates said, is to try to wrap up a deal before the conference and avoid haggling in front of the media.

"OPEC's maturity as an organisation appears to have risen in leaps and bounds recently," said London brokerage house Henderson Crosthwaite.

"There was a time when any minister would appoint himself spokesman for the group and commit it to changes in strategy that robbed (it) of any real credibility... comments are now short, to the point and bullish."

## Sheer lies

CAIRO, (KUNA): The Egyptian daily Al-Ahram has dismissed as false Israeli renewed and suspicious charges that Iraq, assisted by Saudi Arabia, has been developing nuclear warheads to be used against Israel in a few years.

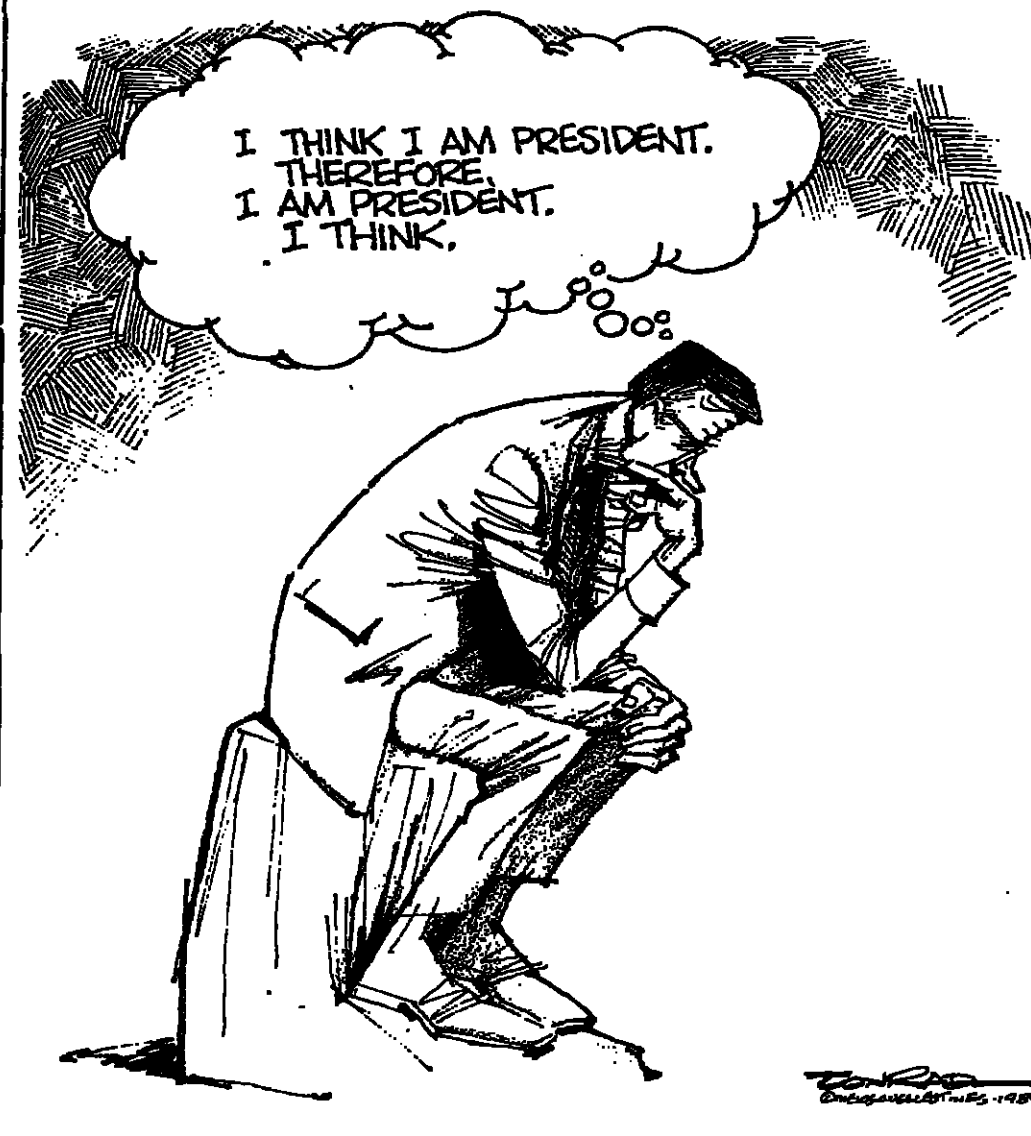
The semi-official newspaper editorially said the charges targeted two countries which are members of the Arab Co-operation Council, noting that such accusations coincided with President Mubarak's visit to Washington.

The daily recalled a former Israeli anti-Egyptian campaign when Tel Aviv accused Cairo of producing chemical weapons a time when Mubarak was launching a European tour.

The paper praised the US administration's reaction which dismissed as unfounded Israeli charges that Iraq was developing nuclear warheads, a stand that helped provide an appropriate atmosphere for Mubarak's talks in Washington.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1593 — Henry Barrow, a puritan, is executed on charge of slandering England's Queen Elizabeth I.
- 1648 — Naples is restored to Spanish rule by Don John.
- 1664 — Alliance between Saxony and France is signed at Ratisbon.
- 1793 — Committee of public safety is established in France with dictatorial powers dominated by G.J. Danton.
- 1812 — British forces capture Badajoz in Spain.
- 1823 — French forces cross Bidossos River and war with Spain begins.
- 1897 — Sultan of Zanzibar abolishes slavery.
- 1901 — Russia drops draft convention with China after protests by Britain and Japan.
- 1909 — US explorer Robert E. Peary reaches North Pole.
- 1917 — United States declares war on Germany.
- 1928 — Palmas Island near Philippines is awarded to Holland in arbitration of dispute with United States.
- 1945 — US naval forces score major victory over Japanese at Kyushu in World War II.
- 1948 — Central legislature of British East Africa holds first session in Nairobi.
- 1972 — Egypt breaks ties with Jordan because of King Hussein's proposal for new Palestine state.
- 1988 — Israeli settlers and Arab villagers clash in West Bank village, killing two Palestinians and an Israeli girl.



## Bush breaks with Reagan tradition

By Helen Thomas

WASHINGTON, (UPI): President Bush is breaking with the Reagan administration in substance as well as style.

As vice-president, Bush was the obedient servant who went along to get along with President Reagan, apparently whether he agreed or not. It was the role he carved out for himself: never disagree with the President in public. Or in fact, never show your hand at cabinet meetings or other sessions with administration officials.

He prided himself on never revealing his hand except in the privacy of the Oval Office while he was having lunch with Reagan. The advice he gave, he insisted, was a private matter. As a result, to this day no one knows where he stood on key issues.

Bush is now having his moment in the sun and he is beginning to deviate from the Reagan hardline on some of the perennial issues. The perception of him now is a man moving to the middle.

Aides say he has undergone an evolution in his thinking about guns. Once adamant as Reagan against any ban on guns, particularly in the presidential campaign, Bush has put a temporary ban on the import of some semi-automatic weapons.

A life member of the National Rifle Association, Bush cannot make the leap toward opposing Saturday night specials and other deadly weapons. But the pressures of the times are weighing in.

He also broke with Reagan on tuition tax credit. For eight years, Reagan assured Catholic and conservative supporters that he favoured a tuition tax for parents who send their children to private schools.

Bush, responding to a question by a young student during visit to a school in the area, said that the nation could not afford to give a tuition tax credit.

Reagan appeared to be obsessed with deposing

the Nicaraguan government. He totally ignored efforts to promote a diplomatic solution to the question of expanding liberties in Nicaragua and appeared certain that enough military pressure exerted by the US-sponsored rebels, known as Contras, would have Managua suing for peace and promising democracy. It didn't happen.

When Reagan left office, there was a stalemate in Nicaragua. The trials stemming from the diversion of funds from the Iranian arms sales to the Contra leaders cast a shadow over his White House.

With opposition as strong as ever in Congress, Bush, who had proclaimed himself a supporter of Contra aid, cut a deal with the bipartisan leaders in Congress to continue providing humanitarian aid to the rebels to the tune of \$4.5 million a month, but also to begin demobilising the Contras and to try to get them assimilated back into their country.

Bush opted for diplomacy, not that he had much choice, but it did a lot to heal the wounds that resulted from the White House and congressional tug of war over the problem.

The President, of course, was nudged by the five Central American nations that moved swiftly before and after Bush's inauguration, taking him by surprise, in announcing a new peace plan that stressed a negotiated settlement and the diplomatic track.

By moving early in his administration, Bush is able to effect changes smoothly. He has kept his credentials by taking a tough stance against abortion and sending the Justice Department before the Supreme Court to argue for an overturning of the Roe vs. Wade case that legalised abortion.

He also is trying to stay on the right side of the conservatives by selecting a hardliner such as Representative Richard Cheney of Wyoming to be Secretary of Defence.

At the same time, he is cutting \$6 billion from the Reagan Pentagon budget.

## Palestinians reject polls to choose 'garbage collectors'

Shamir gives little hope of ending occupation

By Nicolas B. Tatro

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): The peace proposals Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will submit to US President George Bush focus on elections in the occupied territories to choose Palestinians who would negotiate with Israel on limited self-government.

Many prominent Palestinians welcome the idea of balloting but argue that free elections cannot be held as long as Israeli troops occupy the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In interviews and through his aides, Shamir said he was willing to have Palestinians choose mayors to speak for major population centres or political figures to represent the whole region.

The elected Palestinians would then meet with Israeli negotiators to work out a temporary solution for the one million

residents of the West Bank and the 650,000 inhabitants of the Gaza Strip.

The most Palestinians could expect from this process would be limited self-rule with Israeli troops still stationed in the occupied lands. But Shamir has said troops could be pulled out of population centres once an autonomy scheme was agreed upon.

Under Shamir's proposals, the final status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be the subject of further negotiations after autonomy was implemented.

Shamir's advisers also hint he is ready to release some Palestinian prisoners and take other steps to reduce tension. However, they link any change to a truce in the Palestinian uprising — intifada in Arabic — in which 419 Palestinians and 18 Israelis have died since December 1987.

"The condition is that life in Judea and Samaria (West Bank) must return to normal. The intifada must end," said Yossi Alhimer, a Shamir spokesman. The Shamir ideas closely parallel the 1978 US-mediated Camp David accords signed by Egypt and Israel but rejected by the Palestinians and Jordan.

The major difference is that Shamir proposes electing negotiators before autonomy is implemented instead of members of an autonomous council after self-government is defined in talks.

"I believe that this will be the one big and important contribution that Shamir is bringing to Washington," said an Israeli official who described the proposal as a "major change" in the government's position.

Shamir, however, rules out direct or indirect talks with the PLO, which means elected representatives could not act as

intermediaries.

He gives Palestinians little hope of seeing an end to occupation because he has rejected Palestinian demands for statehood and refused to endorse the idea of returning any captured land to Arab sovereignty.

Labour supports returning some of the captured land in exchange for peace agreements.

Municipal elections have been held twice in the West Bank since Israel captured the land from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war. In the last balloting in 1976, voters chose 23 mayors — nearly all of them supporters of the PLO.

Only six remain in office with most of the rest having been deported or deposed by Israel for nationalist activities.

In the Gaza Strip, elections were last held in 1946, under Egyptian rule. The main flaw in Shamir's plan is that

he has been unable to find Palestinians willing to go along with the elections proposal. But some Palestinians have met secretly with the prime minister or openly with military officials to discuss the idea.

Saeed Erakat, a political science professor at the An Najah University in the West Bank city of Nablus, said that if, as the PLO has proposed, Israeli troops withdraw and turn over the occupied territory to UN peacekeepers, "then we will consider elections."

He said electing city officials would be meaningless if occupation persisted.

"Will elected mayors be able to prevent arrests, stop the deportation of Palestinian leaders, halt the confiscation of land or the closure of schools? We would just wind up electing people who have the authority to collect the garbage," said Erakat.

## Benazir acting pragmatically though hamstrung by political deals

By Sheila Tefft

ISLAMABAD: Four months after taking office, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto still walks a political tightrope.

Pakistan's new leader is cautiously chipping away at the vestiges of the 11-year, iron-fisted rule of late military ruler, President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq; she has freed political prisoners and the press, and has travelled overseas and promoted closer links with India, the subcontinental rival that has fought Pakistan in three wars.

But many observers say that, as she strives for a delicate balance in Pakistan's uneasy experiment with democracy, Benazir is hamstrung by the political deals she struck to come to power. Among them was a post-election compromise in which Benazir supported the election of President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, who headed the interim regime after Zia's death last August and has the support of the powerful military.

In addition, a well-entrenched bureaucracy and religious conservatism pose stiff challenges to Benazir, the first woman to lead a Muslim nation. The Army has dominated much of the country's 41-year history, including eight years of martial law under Zia. Foreign policy, defence, and the economy are the prerogative of the political establishment, which

has close ties to the United States. And Muslim fundamentalists publicly challenge the right of a woman to run the country.

"She is hemmed in on all sides," says Ayaz Amir, a political analyst in the capital, Islamabad. "Her government seems to lack direction and an agenda."

Still, Western diplomats say, Benazir has acted pragmatically during this transition to democracy, especially given the added problems of rampant gun- and drug-running, ethnic violence, and caring for three million Afghan refugees.

Benazir remains the country's most popular politician and, as a native of volatile Sind province, provides a counterpoint to the dominant influences of Punjab, Pakistan's largest and wealthiest province.

"Politically, the need of the hour was national reconciliation," Benazir said in a recent radio interview. "The years of military rule have fragmented our country... But we feel that with the process of democratisation, these wounds will begin to heal."

But this process may take a long while. By shedding her father's left-wing policies, she has antagonized old-line loyalists of her Pakistan People's Party. The mohajirs, immigrants from India who are key Benazir supporters in Sind, are increasingly disgruntled with the power-sharing arrangement there. And, analysts say, Benazir is hampered by inex-

perienced advisers.

Her biggest threat, however, comes from the religious right, which has called for her downfall.

Wed in a traditional arranged marriage and now the mother of an infant son, Benazir has taken steps to underscore her Islamic image, observers say. A chiffon scarf always covers her head. She has visited major Islamic shrines in the Middle East. And she has even issued an order to government officials that men should not shake hands with women.

But recently, while Benazir was away in China, a fundamentalist protest against the controversial Salman Rushdie novel, The Satanic Verses, turned violent outside the US Cultural Centre in Islamabad. Five protesters were killed by police.

Benazir has pledged to remove restrictive laws on women which Zia imposed to forge an "Islamic society" and, many observers charge, to keep Benazir out of power. But women activists say dramatic changes are unlikely soon.

"This has exposed her Achilles heel," says Abida Hussain, a prominent member of Parliament. "She will always be vulnerable to attack from the orthodoxy on any religious issue that may come up."

Capitalising on the religious issue are Benazir's political opponents, led by Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif. A Zia protégé, Sharif emerged as leader of the fragmented, right-wing Islamic Democratic Alliance. Benazir's party is the largest

in the national parliament, but the alliance controls Punjab, whose natives dominate the military, government, and the economy.

Bickering between the two sides threatens to break into the open. Her party is backing a revolt against Sharif by dissidents within the loose-knit alliance. Sharif charges that Benazir is engineering the effort by offering patronage and bribes. So far, the prime minister has managed to remain above the fray.

But some Pakistanis worry that the confrontation could escalate and bring new political turmoil. Backed by volatile fundamentalists and student groups, Sharif has threatened that his ouster will bring supporters into the streets.

His removal also could make the military and bureaucracy anxious, some analysts say. Sharif is believed to have close ties to the Army and is seen in some quarters as a check on Benazir.

So far, the Army has kept a low profile. Still, after years under martial law, Pakistanis remain uneasy. "The Army would still like Nawaz Sharif to be around. They feel he is a countervailing force against Benazir," says Mushahid Hussain, an analyst who closely follows the military.

"Sharif also could unleash the mullahs (religious leaders) and the students on the streets," Hussain says. "They could prove to be a lethal combination." (The Christian Science Monitor)

## Muslims must awake and unite

SIR: The controversial novel, The Satanic Verses, by Salman Rushdie, has caused tension all over the Muslim world.

It is a fact that Rushdie is nothing but a mere puppet in the hands of an atheist, anti-Islamic government. It is impossible for any person to blaspheme without the strong support and backing of the government.

History has evidence that atheists and agnostics tend to distort Islam and misrepresent the image of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) and the sahabas, (companions of the Prophet) and his wives.

It is noteworthy that Muslims extended their hand of friendship towards these non-believers in the very beginning and the hand remained stretched over all these centuries. But the attitude of these non-believers has been just the opposite. They even do not hesitate to cast aspersions on the truthfulness and veracity, character and personality, and morals and integrity of Muslims.

They have been playing with the sentiments of Muslims for a long time and these assaults have become an unending row.

The time has now come for us, Muslims, to awake and unite in one brotherhood, formed by the Prophet and implement justice all over the world, and clear the false and fabricated allegations and blasphemy and present before the non-believers, atheists and agnostics the true religion — Islam.

Sultan Ahmed Ali,  
Salmiya.

## Provide new post boxes

SIR: For the last four years I have been waiting to get a post box in Jeeb Shoyoukh post office. Whenever I enquire at the post office the usual reply is "come next week," or "come next month." I think I have no chance of getting it in the near future.

Many times the postal authorities announce in the newspapers that new post boxes will be available. But till now Jeeb Shoyoukh residents did not get even a single box.

As there are many new commercial establishments, offices and residents in Jeeb Shoyoukh, the postal authorities should provide new post boxes.

Abdullah Ali,  
Safat.

## Baggage allowance

SIR: Airlines nowadays are strictly adhering to the 20-kg baggage allowance. The staff at the airport counter insist on weighing even a briefcase or a hand bag, and do not allow it to be taken along with passengers if they think it is a little heavy.

It is surprising that nobody thinks of increasing the 20-kg free baggage allowance which was in vogue from the beginning of commercial flights. On the other hand the airline authorities increase fares on flimsy grounds. Logically free baggage allowance should have been raised correspondingly.

If passengers are not allowed to carry extra baggage, the economy of Kuwait will suffer for people will not buy goods from Kuwait to take to their homelands. Shopkeepers will then feel the pinch, markets will become sluggish and jobs scarce. I hope the concerned authorities will ponder over this situation.

Yusuf Khan,  
Shamliya.

## Salman Rushdie is a sinner

SIR: Salman Rushdie in his novel The Satanic Verses has purposely abused Islam and our Holy Prophet Mohammad

(PBUH). Muslims condemn and demand serious action against him. He should be killed.

The British, by protecting Rushdie have proved that deep down in their hearts they lack faith and along with Rushdie they are involved in sin. Let them know that on the day of judgement, everyone will be judged individually for their deeds.

The Prophet has said: "None of you truly believes until I am more dear to him than his own children, parents and fellow-men."

Keeping this Hadith in mind it is the duty of every Muslim to take action against Rushdie's evil act. The non-Muslims have

always tried to challenge Islam but have never been successful. One such example is when the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent stood up for their rights against the British empire and created Pakistan.

Class XII (boys),  
Pakistan College, Salmiya.

## Palestinians' right to exist

SIR: Adolf Hitler and his contemporaries had no cause to persecute the Jews. But don't the Palestinians have a cause? Aren't they being punished for a crime they never committed?

All Jews are not alike and it should be unfair to condemn an



entire community for the misdeeds of a handful of its members. But history stands witness to the fact that hatred, fanaticism and an exploding bomb know no logic.

Amongst the hundreds of thousands of suffering Palestinians, there might be an all-forgiving Jesus but I shudder to think of the consequences if one among them is a Hitler in the making. The world and the Jews cannot afford another holocaust. It is time they realise it and stopped the senseless bloodshed. If Israelis have a right to exist, so do Palestinians.

N.K. Tripathi,  
Egypt.

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Frank Constable,  
Safat.

## Speeding killers

SIR: I wrote a letter in the Arab Times some time ago about the incurable problem of speeding in Kuwait. I am writing again because this matter still concerns me.

I am astounded that road safety officials in Kuwait cannot find a single factor that is directly related to accidents and fatalities. Some people speak about special safety features in certain cars. The authorities even had to bring in an expert to tell us what we already know about safety and driving. I am sure that this expert never took a drive along some of the roads. If he had, he would have said: "Well, with regard to Kuwait, forget all the physical and emotional problems involved to driving and just obey the speed signs, and that will take care of your problem."

Why is it that authorities are so concerned and so effective in enforcing the narcotics law while they are allowing speeding car drivers to kill not only themselves but you and me?

Frank Constable,  
Safat.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

KD deposits on the rise

## Money supply growth quickens

AT the end of the last quarter of 1988, money supply totalled KD5,092 million, recording a tangible rise of KD293 million (6.1 per cent) over the previous quarter. The rise in money supply resulted from an increase of KD191 million (17.2 per cent) in deposits denominated in foreign currencies and KD95 million (2.8 per cent) in KD deposits, according to Kuwait Central Bank's Quarterly Statistical Bulletin.

The rise in deposits denominated in foreign currencies came in the context of the upward trend of international interest rates during the last quarter of 1988.

Meanwhile, the rise in KD time deposits — particularly in December 1988 after a steady decline since April of the same year — was due to increased rates on KD deposits, following the Central Bank's decision determining the minimum limits of interest rates on private sector deposits in KD with banks, effective December 11, 1988.

### Declined

During the last quarter of 1988, the average KD exchange rate improved relatively (0.91 per cent) against the dollar, as the dollar exchange rate ranged between 279.02 fils and 288.93 fils, an average of 281.70 fils.

Against other major currencies, the dinar declined slightly at rates ranging

between 3.02 per cent against the Swiss franc and 5.46 per cent against the Japanese yen. Meanwhile, these rates were 4.41 per cent, 3.88 per cent and 3.25 per cent against the pound sterling, the Deutsche mark, the Italian lira and the Swiss franc respectively.

Nevertheless, the KD performance was more stable than that of the dollar because the dollar declined at rates higher than those of the KD against major currencies.

Compared to the third quarter, interest rates on interbank KD deposits recorded a considerable rise in the last quarter of 1988 at rates of 16.1 per cent (from 6.24 per cent to 7.24 per cent) on three-month deposits and 12.4 per cent (from 6.40 per cent to 7.20 per cent) on one-year deposits.

At the end of the last quarter of 1988, the balance of public debt instruments maintained its level (KD1,394.5 million) in the previous quarter. During this quarter, the Central Bank of Kuwait offered eight issues (No. 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 35) of treasury bills amounting to KD770 million and three issues (No. 29, 31 and 33) of one-year treasury bonds totalling KD62.5 million.

Meanwhile, eight issues (from Issue No. 17 to 24) of treasury bills and one-year bonds of treasury bonds (Issues No. 1, 2 and 3) of the same values stated above,

have matured during this quarter.

During the last quarter of 1988, the aggregate balance sheet of local banks decreased by KD500 million (3.86 per cent) below its level in the previous quarter to reach KD12,463 million.

This decline was totally concentrated in the aggregate balance sheet of commercial banks (5.2 per cent). Meanwhile, the aggregate balance sheet of specialised banks grew by KD65 million (3.2 per cent).

### Investments

On the side of assets, this decline in the aggregate balance sheet of local banks came as a result of a decrease of KD595 million in local investments of these banks in shares, bonds and public debt instruments, in their foreign assets and other assets, including interbank deposits, against a rise of KD95 million, over the previous quarter, in their credit facilities to residents and their balances in their vaults and at the Central Bank of Kuwait.

On the side of liabilities, the decline is attributed to a decrease of KD728 million in foreign liabilities of these banks and other liabilities, including interbank deposits, against an increase of KD228 million in government deposits, private sector deposits and own funds.

During the second quarter (October-

December 1988) of the fiscal year 1988/89, public revenues totalled KD550.5 million against KD461.1 million in the first quarter (July-September 1988) recording an increase of 19.4 per cent. This increase resulted from a rise in oil revenues (from KD406.6 million to KD424.6 million) and in other revenues (from KD54.5 million to KD125.9 million).

Public expenditure during the second quarter of the fiscal year 1988/89 increased slightly by KD2.5 million (0.4 per cent) over the previous quarter totalling KD 618.1 million. The components of public expenditure varied in their values as the total of capital, development and other expenditure increased by KD36.4 million. The total value of current expenditure and land purchases decreased by KD33.9 million.

During the first half of the fiscal year 1988/89, public revenues totalled KD1,011.8 million (49.3 per cent) of the total general budget estimates against KD1,437.3 million for the corresponding half in the previous year. On the other hand, public expenditure totalled KD1,233.5 million, recording an increase of 8.4 per cent over the first half of the previous fiscal year and accounting for 36.9 per cent of the general budget appropriations after amendment.



Share traders are all hands as they pile on top of a trading counter at the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Tuesday during a relentless surge in prices, as the key index jumped 270.18 points to the sixth straight record close at 33,312.25 after hitting a traded peak of 33,340.30. (Reuters wirephoto)

Financial markets quiet

## Dollar edges higher

LONDON, April 5, (Reuters): European financial markets generally marked time today in the absence of any fresh factors to move them, dealers said.

The dollar edged higher but dealers said it was likely to trade in a narrow range until the US employment report for March was released on Friday.

"At the moment it is just consolidation after the sharp fall earlier in the week," said one trader in Frankfurt.

"Everyone is already watching to see if Friday's US jobs figures will spring any surprises."

The dollar closed in London at 1.8710 West German marks and 131.80 Japanese yen after ending Tuesday at 1.8693 and 130.90.

Share values were higher in Paris and Frankfurt but lower in London with the FTSE index of 100 bluechips ending 4.6 points off at 2,078.2.

Share prices were weaker in

dull afternoon business with traders reluctant to open large new speculative positions on the last day of the UK financial year.

Dealers said a slightly better tone on Wall Street had little influence on the market here.

Consolidated Gold Fields was 25p up at 1.373 after its pledge yesterday of 400p total earnings per share in the three years to 1992, with a six sterling penalty if the pledge is not met.

Whitbread was 6p firmer at 356. Analysts say the company is likely to sell off its brewing interests after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ruling that no brewer may own more than 2,000 pubs.

One analyst said, "there are European brewers ready to accept the chance to break into the UK beer market before 1992."

Abbey Life was 1p weaker at 317 in active trade with market

participants eager to capture the heavy dividend payable later this month.

Sun Alliance, which today released 1988 figures showing pre-tax profit rising to £372.4 million from a previous £171.5 million, was 10p weaker at 1148 after an earlier low of 1122.

Dealers said some analysts had forecast around £400 million pre-tax, and the stock had been marked, strongly higher in anticipation of good results.

Securicor Group was 23p down at 672 and Securicor 'A' shares 28p off at 582 after this morning's news of an £85.4 million rights issue. Securicor's 50.75 per cent owned Unit Security Services was 22p lower at 523.

Share prices climbed to a record high on the Tokyo Stock Exchange today, while the US dollar edged up against the Japanese yen.

## Gulf Bank shareholders oust 'old guard' directors

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Mustafa told the Arab Times that rather than feeling bitter he was indifferent to the fact that he had to relinquish his seat to his brother.

"This is a normal procedure. The shareholders may be thinking that the new board will be better. I don't share their opinion but let them see for themselves," he said.

Ali Al Mutairi, one of only three former board members who were re-elected, became deputy chairman.

The newly-elected board will seek to upgrade the bank's management with new appointments and training programmes, the sources said.

The bank basically has a good management team. The shareholders' complaints were not against the management but against the board of directors," he said.

As of Monday the bank is already a better institution than it used to be."

Moves to oust the former board started months ago when a small group of shareholders including some board members began lobbying in favour of a younger and more capable team.

The campaign developed into a "war" with the final showdown on April 3 at the general assembly meeting attended by little more than 100 out of some 4,000 shareholders.

Sources told the Arab Times there is no rivalry between Mustafa and Abdul Aziz Sultan Al Essa.

Mustafa Sultan, who yesterday claimed to know the real reason behind the shareholders' decision but declined to disclose it, stressed that the former directors' performance was not a real issue when the vote was cast.

The Gulf Bank is the second largest in Kuwait in terms of assets. The bank recorded a profit of KD7.7 million in 1988, a nine per cent increase on the 1987 figure.

## Strike cuts London subway services by half

LONDON, April 5, (AP): A 24-hour wildcat strike by train engineers on the London subway halted about half the 254-mile (408-kilometre) network today, reported London Regional Transport. The government-appointed board that runs the system.

The pay strike, coinciding with London's first snow of what up to now has been a mild winter, upset travel plans for many of the three million people who use the London subway each day.

The board said in a statement that no trains were running this morning on four of the 10 lines that comprise the rundown, overcrowded system. The electrified subway system has a total of 2,500 train engineers and 273 stations and was begun 126 years ago in the age of steam.

### Services

The board said restricted services were operating on another two of the 10 lines this morning because of the walkout.

The National Union of Railwaysmen, representing many of the subway train engineers, said in a statement: "Feelings on the underground (subway) are generally running quite high. There's a lot of discontent and frustration about the system."

Saudis may give economic backing

## Economies of Iraq, Egypt to get boost

NICOSIA, April 5, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia appears to have taken a strategic decision to assist the debt-laden economies of Iraq and Egypt, bankers in the Gulf said today.

But one senior banker cautioned against expecting fast results.

"Do not expect anything right now, immediately. These things take years and Egypt's economy is in bad shape," he said.

The bankers said King Fahd appeared to have given the green light to banks and businessmen in Saudi Arabia in remarks he made to the weekly cabinet meeting in Riyadh on Monday night.

The King said after visiting Iraq and Egypt last week both countries were witnessing major positive changes. He said Egypt was experiencing an industrial renaissance "on the right track."

Diplomats and bankers saw

his remarks as approval for banks and investors to help Egypt after an Arab boycott over its 1979 peace treaty with Israel, and to fund reconstruction projects in Iraq after last August's ceasefire in its war with Iran.

"To help Iraq and now Egypt is a strategic investment and part of Saudi Arabia's long-term policy," one Gulf-based banker commented.

A banker suggested Riyadh might arrange soft loans for Cairo and encourage the import of Egyptian goods.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is currently in Washington for talks with US officials and the International Monetary Fund partly focussed on Egypt's need for early assistance.

Diplomats in the region said Mubarak had pressed Saudi

Arabia and other Gulf states to

try to meet some of Egypt's immediate cash needs, which would enable it to repay overdue debts and regain international credit worthiness.

Egypt is currently burdened with a \$43-billion foreign debt.

The Saudi government-controlled Al Yamamah magazine said Saudi-Egyptian talks had focussed on forging economic ties that would go much further than "offering loans and grants to a higher level of effective participation in building the economic structure of Egypt and promoting Saudi Arabian investments."

Arab diplomats said Iraq presented King Fahd during his Baghdad visit with a list of urgent projects.

The kingdom was one of Iraq's main political and financial backers during the eight-year Gulf war.

## Call to boost UAE's non-oil industrial sector

ABU DHABI, April 5, (Agencies): The importance of strengthening the non-oil industrial sector in the United Arab Emirates has been stressed in a study compiled by the Emirates Industrial Bank.

"While agriculture and service sectors have a sufficient domestic market for their expansion, the manufacturing sector is inhibited by the limited size of the UAE's internal demand and its long-term growth has to incorporate the international market," the report said.

Non-oil exports, which include manufactured goods, accounted for two per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP), it said, adding that aluminium had by far the largest export value, with a total volume of 184,000 tons.

The report said the emergence of free trade zones was not only expected to promote manufactured exports but also encourage domestic firms to emulate the

example.

Citing the garment factory at the Jebel Ali free trade zone as an example, the report said its exports to the United States alone had totalled \$62.65 million.

Meanwhile, the United Arab Emirates, sultanate of Oman and Qatar have informed Japanese oil importers that prices of crude oil from the three countries will be raised by \$1.60 per barrel, according to industry sources.

The sources said today prices of UAE crude for March shipments would be at \$17.10 a barrel, with an increase of \$1.65 per barrel compared to last February prices.

Qatar fixed its crude at \$16.82 a barrel, which means a \$1.67 increase over the prices for last February, while Omani oil shipments for March would be at \$16.77 a barrel compared to \$15.10 barrel last February, the sources said.

Analysts here indicated that the increase in prices which was preceded by similar move by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia came in line with the existing supply and demand conditions prevailing in international oil markets.

### UK reserves drop

LONDON, April 5, (KUNA): Britain's official reserves fell by the largest amount in 10 years, according to Treasury figures released here today.

The reserves fell by an underlying \$1.2 billion during March, leaving an overall figure of \$50,456 million.

## Oil co-operation talks planned

Ministers to visit Venezuela

CARACAS, April 5, (Reuters): Oil ministers from Iraq and Kuwait and a high-level delegation from Iran will visit Venezuela in April and May to discuss co-operation in petroleum and other areas, Minister of Energy and Mines Celestino Armas said yesterday.

Armas said Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi will visit Caracas in April to discuss "oil-related problems" and the possibility of "commercial relations" in investments and the export of pipes for the petroleum industry.

In May, a delegation from Iran's Oil Ministry is expected in Caracas to discuss co-operation in heavy crude production, and possible investments in iron ore, bauxite and aluminium, Armas said.

### Visit

He added that Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa will also visit Venezuela in May. He said Kuwait is interested in investing in the Venezuelan iron ore and steel industries.

Armas spoke to reporters shortly after his return from the OPEC ministerial monitoring committee meeting in Vienna. He said that by the month of June, he hoped oil prices would be stabilised at OPEC's target price of \$18 per barrel.

Armas said the decision of a group of independent oil producing nations to remove a total of 300,000 barrels per day meant "an important contribution in the task of stabilising supply and demand to guarantee an improvement in crude prices."

### Iraq may seek higher OPEC quota

BAGHDAD, Iraq, April 5, (AP): Iraq's oil minister said today that Iraq might press for a higher quota if the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) decides to up the production ceiling at the organisation's June ministerial meeting.

"If prices hold out till June then we will review the quota ceiling and the share out system...and we will present new ideas about our quota," minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi said at a press conference.

Chalabi expressed optimism over the current situation in the oil market, with spot prices hitting as much as \$20 a barrel, and said prices could improve further.

Both Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are known to want higher quotas than the current



Sheikh Ali



Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi

OPEC crude oil output may have edged up slightly in March and still seems to be above the group's own ceiling, according to oil company economists and analysts questioned by Reuters this week.

The monthly survey estimated average Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' daily output at 19.7 million barrels, compared with 19.65 estimated in February.

OPEC's self-imposed ceiling is 18.5 million barrels daily.

But OPEC has a different method of assessing its supply and the quotas assigned to each member. It counts oil produced under quota only when it is sold, at home or abroad, and not when it is actually pumped from a field.

OPEC's own officials have acknowledged that output is above the ceiling, but they reckon that a million barrels or so of excess is too high a figure.

By any reckoning, OPEC supply is down sharply from around 25 million barrels pumped daily at the end of last year.

New quotas were introduced from January 1, and prices have jumped by almost 50 per cent in a tighter market resulting from greater OPEC discipline, strong demand and incidents like the Valdez oil spill which cut Alaskan supply.

Iran was estimated to have pumped at least three million barrels daily in March against a quota of 2.64 million. But Middle East oil sources say some of this may have gone into storage so it would not count as supply under OPEC rules.

The UAE was estimated by the sources canvassed by Reuters to have produced 1.4 million barrels daily in March against a quota of 988,000. UAE excess output has been acknowledged by OPEC sources.

The minister attributed higher prices to the commitment of member states to the quota accord, co-operation between OPEC and non-OPEC producers and an increase in demand for oil.

Chalabi said Iraq will stick to its quota decided by OPEC despite its effort to improve and increase its production capacity.

"Our effort to increase our production capacity will not effect our commitment to the OPEC quota of 2.64 million BPD allocated to Iraq," he said.

The previous quota agreement was reached after Iran agreed to accept the same ceiling as Iraq, its foe in the 8-year Gulf war that ended last August in a ceasefire.

## Commitment to solve debt problem

Moscow, Cuba sign treaty

HAVANA, April 5, (Reuters): The Soviet Union and Cuba signed a friendship treaty on Tuesday pledging to work together to relieve the Third World debt problem and agreed that regional conflicts should be solved only by peaceful means.

The 14-article treaty between the two communist allies, signed in Havana by visiting Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Cuban President Fidel Castro, declared their "fraternal and indestructible friendship based on common ideology."

Cuba is the last of the Soviet Union's communist allies to sign such a treaty with Moscow.

Earlier, a leading Cuban human rights activist was arrested for organising a protest demonstration in front of the Soviet embassy, and the US State Department said at least eight

other activists had been detained by police.

The treaty was signed in a brief ceremony at the Palace of Conventions a few hours before Gorbachev was scheduled to deliver a key speech expected to focus on the developing world.

### Accord

The accord said the two countries "will promote general international co-operation geared to the economic and social development of nations in order to ensure the establishment of a new economic order and the solution of the serious external debt problem the vast majority of Third World countries are suffering."

The Soviet Union and Cuba "will spare no efforts in making the principle of rejecting the use or the threat of use, of force a

universal norm of conduct in inter-state relations and in fostering the settlement of conflicts between states solely by peaceful and political means," it added.

The treaty said the two countries "will also contribute to the solution of regional conflicts and hotbeds of tension through negotiated political means."

It said such solutions should be "based on respect for the sovereignty and right of peoples to exercise self-determination and freely choose their political and social regimes without foreign interference."

Analysts said this represented a compromise between the Soviet view that all regional conflicts should be settled politically, and Cuba's line that military assistance to revolutionary movements was acceptable.

## Bhopal gas disaster case not yet over

NEW DELHI, April 5, (Reuters): India's Supreme Court said today the Bhopal gas disaster case was not over despite the \$470 million compensation payment by the Union Carbide Corporation of the United States.

It said Union Carbide was subject to the rulings of the Supreme Court as long as it was hearing petitions on the case.

More than 3,400 people died in the central Indian city of Bhopal after poisonous gas leaked out of a pesticides plant operated by an

Indian subsidiary of the US company in 1984.

Nearly five years after the tragedy, regarded as the world's worst industrial accident, the court ordered Union Carbide to pay \$470 million in compensation to the victims.

Union Carbide paid up in February and its lawyers said as far as they were concerned the matter was over.

### Jurisdiction

Today the court said the company was still under its jurisdiction as long as it was hearing

petitions challenging the settlement.

The court is hearing petitions challenging the validity of the law under which the settlement was made as well as the amount Union Carbide was asked to pay.

Several organisations, lawyers and newspapers have criticised the settlement, saying it was too low.

The Indian government, acting on behalf of nearly half a million claimants, originally filed a suit demanding \$3.3 billion from the US company.

## Lockheed sets restructuring to block takeover

No immediate plans for buyout: Simmons

CALABASAS, Calif., April 5, (Reuters): Lockheed Corp, the big US aerospace firm, announced a series of defensive moves today to block a takeover threat from Texas investor Harold Simmons.

It said it will sell some units, boost its dividend and create a stock ownership plan that puts 17 per cent of its shares in employee hands.

At the same time, the defence contractor said it expects profits to decline 40 per cent in the first quarter and 25 per cent in the year as a whole. A lacklustre earnings performance has been cited

by analysts as a key factor making the company vulnerable to a takeover.

Simmons, a wealthy Dallas financier, said on Monday a group he heads had acquired 5.3 per cent of Lockheed and would consider taking control.

Lockheed's shares jumped on Monday on takeover speculation, even though Simmons said he had no immediate plans for a buyout.

Reacting to the anti-takeover measures and the outlook for lower earnings, the shares opened 87.5 cents lower at \$48.875 on the New York Stock

Exchange today.

Lockheed, maker of such weapons as the Stealth bomber and the Trident missile, began preparing a takeover defence in December when Simmons first said he was buying Lockheed shares.

In the plan announced on Tuesday, it will create an employee stock ownership plan with a combined value of about \$1 billion by creating 10.5 million new shares and acquiring 10.5 million existing shares. Polaroid Corp, the instant camera company, recently used a similar defence to foil a takeover bid.

In another measure that will reduce its vulnerability, Lockheed said it would phase out its information systems group, selling its Calcomp, Cadam, Metier and Lockheed dataplan units.

Analysts have said the information group could be sold off by a corporate raider to fund part of a buyout. The four units had 1988 revenues of \$589 million, out of the company's total of \$10.59 billion.

Lockheed said the moves renew its focus on its missiles and space, aircraft, and electronics businesses, and place new emphasis on technology services.











# Thatcher, Gorbachev to discuss boosting trade

LONDON, April 5. (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will discuss the slow progress being made toward ambitious bilateral trade goals when they meet here this week, a British official said today.

The two leaders decided at a Moscow meeting two years ago to increase bilateral trade by 40 per cent by 1990. Gorbachev was due in London tonight for a 48-hour visit.

But British exports to the Soviet Union fell from £539 million (\$916.3 million) in 1987 to £512 million (\$870.4 million) in 1988.

## Devices

Imports from the Soviet Union rose from £695 million (\$1.2 billion) to £732 million (\$1.24 billion) over the same period.

The British government official said Thatcher and Gorbachev would review the trade figures, which are little more than

half the two-way total of £2.3 billion (\$3.9 billion) they projected at the Moscow talks.

Although scientific instruments and control devices for machinery top the list of British exports to the Soviet Union, Britain is still limited in sales of some sophisticated technology which could brighten the figures.

As a member of the Co-ordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls (COCOM), it must abide by rules aimed at curbing exports to communist countries which could be used for military purposes. COCOM groups 15 of the 16 NATO countries plus Japan.

British officials say a wide range of goods, including fibre optics, laser equipment and computers, cannot be offered because COCOM sees them having dual civilian and military applications.

Principal UK exports to the Soviet

Union include cereals, industrial machinery, chemicals, iron and steel and textiles. Britain imports Soviet petroleum, wood, Lada cars and chemicals.

Businessmen say there are obstacles to trade on both sides. They argue there should be more government support by London for exporters and that they are hampered by the unconvertibility of the rouble and poor communications in the Soviet Union.

Writing in the Times of London, British businessman Brook Horowitz said the traditional problem of Soviet bureaucracy had been replaced by another caused by Moscow's reform programmes.

## Confusion

"There is much confusion within the foreign trade establishment as to who is authorised to make purchasing decisions," he said.

"Restructuring of the foreign trade organisations can leave businessmen for

weeks without their usual Soviet counterparts."

But Britain's Department of Trade and Industry said in a policy paper: "The political will exists on both sides to increase trade."

"Indeed 60 per cent of Soviet industrial machinery is intended to be replaced by 1990. This presents opportunities for British companies to supply technology and equipment."

It listed automation, energy efficiency, agriculture, food industries and general factory modernisation as sectors where British companies can play a major role.

In February British and Soviet banks signed a protocol to provide finance for British firms doing business with Moscow. Britain's Conservative government also offered the services of experts to train Soviet managers in coping with world markets under Moscow's liberalisation of the economy.

## Report shows wrongdoing in Harrods takeover

LONDON, April 5. (Reuters): A secret report on the disputed takeover of the luxury department store Harrods by three Egyptian businessmen has "clearly disclosed wrongdoing," British Trade and Industry Minister Lord Young said yesterday.

But he said in a radio interview he would continue to resist pressure to make the government report public until fraud investigators decided whether to launch prosecutions.

"The report clearly disclosed wrongdoing. But the standard you have to be able to prove in a court of law is vastly different from an inspector in a report," he told the British Broadcasting Corporation.

He said publication of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) inspector's report could either prevent prosecutions being brought or jeopardise a fair trial for any accused.

## Criticism

Young's statement on radio provoked fresh criticism from the mining conglomerate Lonrho PLC which has fought since 1985 against the purchase of London's top shop by brothers Mohammed, Ali and Salah Al Fayed.

Sir Edward du Cann, Lonrho's chairman, said Young had "let the cat out of the bag" and called for the takeover to be referred immediately to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, a government agency.

Lonrho, whose own ambitions to buy Harrods were thwarted by the government, has alleged the Fayed's misled takeover authorities about the source of the money they used to purchase the House of Fraser Group, including Harrods.

Young's decision to keep the DTI report under official wraps until fraud investigations were complete has become a political embarrassment amid opposition allegations of a cover up.

His refusal to publish has been widely criticised since the weekly Observer newspaper, owned by Lonrho, printed a special edition last Thursday carrying extracts from a leaked copy of the report. The paper normally published only on Sunday.

The government obtained a court ban on the newspaper but not before several thousand copies had been sold. The main elements of the report are therefore widely known although they cannot be published in Britain.

## US scores major breakthrough

# Europe upstaged at monetary talks

WASHINGTON, April 5. (Agencies): Europe was upstaged at monetary talks here this week as the United States scored a major breakthrough in the fight against Third World debt and Japan flexed its mighty financial muscles.

But European nations did not notch up one victory in securing the support of Japan in a concerted drive to make sure the dollar does not soar out of control.

US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's radical new proposals to reduce the developing world's \$1.3-trillion debt mountain dominated the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank held in Washington.

The discussions also produced a commitment by industrial nations to stabilise the US dollar in a statement quickly backed up by the first dollar sales from the Bank of Japan in over three years.

## Worried

The Bush administration, worried by the threat that huge, unpayable debts pose to fragile Latin American democracies in its back garden, secured broad approval for its debt plan from the Group of Seven leading industrial nations.

But the reaction from some key European countries ranged from cautious to downright critical.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg made clear he did not want to be rushed into action.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said:



International Monetary Fund managing director Michel Camdessus (left), addresses an IMF Development Committee meeting on Tuesday as Netherlands Minister of Finance H.O. Ruding listens. (Reuters wirephoto)

"What I do not find acceptable is that our taxpayers should bail out the commercial banks."

The plan envisages the use of IMF and World Bank resources to back debt reduction schemes.

The G-7 countries — the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — also agreed to examine the possibility of using the government-funded institutions' finances to help debtors pay interest on loans, the aspect that most worries the Europeans.

But, despite the scepticism, even European officials were left

in no doubt that something significant happened in Washington this week and they probably couldn't have stopped it even if they had wanted to.

"On the basis of the Brady initiative... the psychological and political breakthrough has been achieved," said Hans Klein, West Germany's development aid minister.

Klein, more enthusiastic than his finance minister, called the agreement on the new debt initiative one of the most important steps taken at an IMF/World Bank meeting for years.

## Dow in ventures with Chinese, Soviets

MIDLAND, Michigan, April 5. (AP): Dow Chemical Co. said today it has entered a joint venture to build a \$50-million chemical plant in China and joined a group of companies studying a venture to expand a Soviet chemical plant.

Dow said it entered a 50-50 joint venture with China's Zhejiang chemical factory to build the chemical plant in Ningbo, China.

The new company, Zhejiang Pacific Chemical Corp., will produce chemicals for China's growing polyurethane foam industry, reducing its dependence on imports, Dow said.

The company's Dow Canada subsidiary was awarded a \$15-million contract to aid in design, engineering, procurement of equipment and training of operating personnel for the plant, which will employ more than 200 people.

The plant, in Zhejiang province on China's east coast, is expected to be operating in 1993, producing 20,000 metric tons a year of polyether polyol, Dow said.

Polyether polyol is used to make foam for furniture, seat cushions, mattresses, automobile parts, laminated fabrics and building and refrigerator insulation.

## Plant

The Chinese plant also will produce 5,000 metric tons a year of propylene glycol for use in pharmaceutical products, solvents and polyester resin.

Dow also said it joined a consortium of Western companies, including Dow Europe Sa and Linwin Cos., launching a four-month feasibility study of a joint venture with the Soviet Petrochemical Industry.

## Takeshita received 'more Recruit donations'

TOKYO, April 5. (Reuters): Scandal revelations put Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita in even deeper trouble today with the local media reporting he received more huge contributions from the Recruit company.

Newspapers said Takeshita received 30 million yen (\$230,000) from the scandal-ridden Recruit Group at a fund-raising party in 1987.

This was on top of 20 million yen (\$154,000) from Recruit which Takeshita last week admitted receiving.

In both cases, the money was given for tickets to fund-raising parties, routinely held by Japanese politicians of all parties to attract money from supporters. Such contributions are not illegal but are widely viewed with suspicion.

Tsuruo Yamaguchi, secretary-general of the main opposition Japan Socialist Party, said receiving such huge contributions from private business clearly went against the public will.

He said the secretary-generals of the four main opposition parties met today and agreed to renew their demand that Takeshita dissolve the Lower House of parliament and call a general election.

## Support

Takeshita acknowledged last Friday that Recruit contributed 20 million yen to one of his political support groups in May 1987. He added that such an amount was excessive for one company to donate.

Takeshita was quoted by the public broadcasting network NHK as saying he could not comment on the latest reports until he looked into the case.

But he said that as the donation was widely reported, it could well be true.

Recruit, a publishing and telecommunications group, is accused of handing out gifts and contributions to more than 100 public figures in return for political and business favours.

So far, 13 businessmen and senior bureaucrats have been arrested in the scandal, which has also forced three cabinet ministers to resign.

The opposition has boycotted most parliamentary sessions for several weeks, including deliberations on the national budget, to press their demands for a full disclosure of the scandal.

Recent opinion polls indicate public support for Takeshita, however, has fallen to 9 per cent, the lowest level for any prime minister since World War II ended in 1945.

Three cabinet ministers have resigned because of their links to the Recruit scandal, and prosecutors have arrested 14 people, including former senior public officials and corporate executives on suspicion of bribery and violations of securities laws.

At least 17 politicians, including Takeshita and former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, have been implicated in the scandal, although none have been arrested. Prosecutors reportedly have begun questioning politicians and their aides.

Nay Htun said:

The Exxon Valdez dumped 240,000 barrels of oil on March 24 into Prince William Sound, off Alaska, creating the United States' worst oil spill. The Exxon Shipping Company fired the captain of the Exxon Valdez last Thursday after blood alcohol tests indicated he was drunk when the tanker ran aground.

One hundred and fifty participants from 20 countries have registered for the four-day conference sponsored by the Pacific basin consortium for Hazardous Waste Research, a private group whose aims include identifying and assessing hazardous waste management problems common to Pacific nations.

Inaugurating the conference, Singapore's Environment Minister Ahmad Mattar said the progress of science and technology was so rapid new chemical substances and processes were being discovered almost daily.

"As industries become more sophisticated and high technology oriented, the waste produced is in lesser quantity but much more concentrated, more toxic and more hazardous," he said.

He said nobody really knew how many hazardous waste dumps there were around the world.

The Netherlands estimates it has eight million tonnes of hazardous chemical wastes buried in Dutch soil and West Germany expects to spend \$4 billion cleaning up its abandoned hazardous waste sites, he said.

Mattar said an international legal instrument to control transboundary transportation of hazardous waste, adopted in Basel, Switzerland, in March was useful as "some form of global control."



Masked students spray-paint a bus in the Central University of Caracas on Tuesday during protests against government economic austerity measures. A man was shot dead and a policeman wounded during the protests. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Strikers protest austerity plans

# Students burn buses

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 5. (AP): Students protesting government austerity measures burned buses and clashed with police today leaving a policeman and one student injured.

Thirty students were arrested in the second day of disturbances.

Police units moved swiftly into the capital's western suburb of Catia to suppress fire-burning students. They were angered by bus drivers who refused to give them a 50 per cent student fare discount granted by the government.

"The policeman was shot in a leg with a projectile and the student sustained several gunshot injuries from plastic shotgun pellets," a police spokesman told the Associated Press.

Police units patrolled the area, one of the centres of violent riots and looting when the government began applying an International Monetary Fund

approved austerity plan in late February.

Later in the day, students outside the Caracas Central University of Venezuela hijacked a bus and set it on fire to protest the government's economic measures. No casualties were reported during the incident and police units remained alert around the area.

On Monday, students at Zulia University in Maracaibo, 510 kilometres (315 miles) west of Caracas, burned a bus and a police truck to protest the full bus fare drivers were charging them.

The government has decreed that they need only pay half fare. Yesterday, cars were banned from streets surrounding the campus and most university and public high school classes were suspended.

William Mujica, a representative of the Federation of Student Centres, said yesterday that student leaders would meet

with Transportation Ministry officials to work out problems with student fares. The Federation is also considering a protest march at a later date.

The government has earmarked \$10 million to subsidise student discount fares. But bus companies say it doesn't cover their expenses.

More than 300 people died in the price riots that exploded Feb 27 over a bus fare hike. Most of the deaths occurred in Caracas, where hundreds were injured and some 3,000 stores looted.

The social democratic administration of President Carlos Andres Perez is determined to go ahead with an economic adjustment plan, based on International Monetary Fund guidelines, that includes liberalisation of prices that have been subsidised for years. Inflation is expected to exceed 70 per cent this year, the highest ever in this oil-producing country.

# GATT trade talks open

## Delegates express optimism

GENEVA, April 5. (UPI): World trading nations began a three-day effort today to compromise on four key issues including agriculture which are holding up negotiations on a new global free trade agreement.

Senior US delegates said they were "fairly optimistic" about resolving differences over basic objectives although work was "going very slowly."

European Economic Community officials also said they believed problems with Washington over farm trade could be settled and targets also set for the other sticking points of patents, textiles and permissible protectionism.

There was less optimism on the part of other major agricultural nations led by Australia, however, with Australian negotiator Alan Oxley telling

reporters that talks "remain as blocked as ever."

Oxley said the Europeans must agree to eventually eliminate farm subsidies as the United States demands but that the United States must also reduce and eliminate its own farm price support system.

Arthur Dunkel, the Swiss director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) which provides the framework for the talks, said he was "neither optimistic nor pessimistic."

## Significant

Dunkel said "extraordinarily constructive" bargaining was taking place and that "there is light at the end of the tunnel," although there also are "very big difficulties."

GATT is the major world

trade regulatory body and its 96 full contracting parties and the 28 provisional members account for 96-97 per cent of total global trade.

The Soviet Union is the only significant outsider but says it plans to apply for membership in the not too distant future. Washington currently opposes the idea on grounds of Moscow's state-controlled trading systems.

GATT's so-called Uruguay round began in November, 1986, with the aim of an accord by the end of 1990 on far-reaching liberalisation by reducing and wherever possible eliminating protectionist trade barriers.

Negotiations cover 15 sectors — 14 involving trade in manufactured and agricultural goods and one concerning services like banking and insurance.

# Plastic maker plans expansion

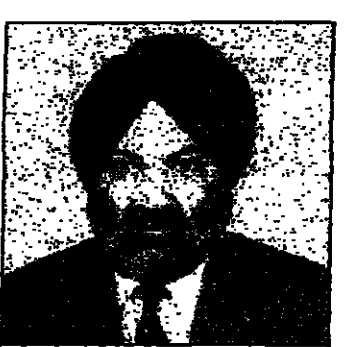
UNIPLAS India Limited, a company which went public in 1986 and has NRI shareholding from over 16 countries is implementing a major expansion and diversification project in plastics.

The company which recorded a 300 per cent growth from Rs 40 million to Rs 135 million last year (ending June '88) is poised for yet another impressive jump to Rs 250 million turnover this year.

Dividend was increased from 16 per cent to 20 per cent last year and is likely to be increased further this year.

J.B.S. Bakshi, the company's chairman who is currently in Kuwait said capacity on PVC pipes already doubled from 5000 tonnes per annum (TPA) to 10,000 TPA recently is proposed to be redoubled to 20,000 TPA by end 1989. This will be proposed to be redoubled to 20,000 TPA by end 1989.

This will enable the company to meet the huge market potential for telecommunication duct-



J.B.S. Bakshi, chairman of Uniplas India Limited, is currently in Kuwait.

ing, irrigation, tubewell casings, drinking water schemes, and industrial piping.

Simultaneously, the company is diversifying into roto moulded plastics products for which plant has been already acquired and is based upon rotational plastics technology from USA.

This will enable the company to make a wide range of moulded plastics products including water

and chemical tanks, grain silos, furniture, automobile and electronic components.

Bakshi said that the company has planned to set up a capacity of 6,000 TPA in this field in the next one year. These projects will enable Uniplas to cross Rs 1,000 million turnover by 1991.

The company has also evolved a longer-term strategy to go into the manufacture of basic plastics polymers and chemical intermediates. These projects will involve investment of the order of Rs 1,500 million and result in a turnover potential of over 3,500 million by 1995. To support its immediate growth plans, Uniplas is currently making a rights issue of 6,77,277 shares of par value Rs 10 at a premium of Rs 7. The rights issue is open upto April 15, 1989.

Uniplas shares have recorded a sharp appreciation on the Delhi and Bombay Stock Exchanges and are currently quoted at Rs 32-Rs 35 ex-rights.

## uniplas for

**The Shareholder**  
 21st April 1989  
 Dear Shareholder,  
 We are pleased to inform you that the company has been successful in securing a major contract from the Government of India for the supply of plastic pipes for the construction of the new Delhi Metro. This is a significant achievement for the company and we are confident that it will lead to further growth and success.

**The Government and the Country**  
 We are proud to be a part of the Indian economy and to contribute to the development of the country. We are committed to providing high-quality products and services to the government and the people of India.

**The Consumer**  
 We are committed to providing high-quality products and services to our customers. We are confident that our products will meet their needs and expectations.

Uniplas is expanding and diversifying in existing areas of plastics.

Today, we are producing a wide range of plastic products, including pipes, tanks, and containers. We are confident that our products will continue to grow and diversify in the future.

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uniplas ... towards leadership in plastics.  
 Shareholders welcome to contact, Mr Kuldip Bakshi, Director  
 Uniplas at Kuwait Phone: 2646808

# SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

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5	Shaan	ISA	2441860
13	Mandana	Algh Barwil	4842988
14	Ibn Alhartham	KSA	4843150
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## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Sultan Gallery

UNTIL April 7: Paintings by Shaker Hussain are on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghanim Bldg., Al Soor St. daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 7 to 10 pm.

## Modern Soviet Art

APRIL 6: Modern Soviet Art is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Organised by the Soviet embassy in co-operation with the museum. Open during museum hours.

## Free Atelier Studio

UNTIL April 8: A Jordanian art exhibition is open at the Free Atelier Studio, Gulf St. daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 7 to 10 pm. The show has been organised by the Jordanian embassy in co-operation with the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters.

## Ghadir Gallery

UNTIL April 13: Yemeni artist Abdullah Al Amin will show his latest paintings at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 12 noon and 7 to 10 pm.

## Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

## Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

## Tareq Rajab Museum

RAMADAN timings Sat - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world on show.

## Seda House

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon; 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## EXHIBITIONS

## Crystal and Porcelain

TODAY is the last day of an exhibition of crystal and hand-painted porcelain at the Sheraton Hotel, Ballroom A: organised by Al Aradi.

The best photographs of the Amateur Photo Competition are on show at the Sheraton lobby; organised by the hotel with Ashraf Co.

## THEATRE

## Kuwaiti pantomime

THURSDAY/Friday: 9 pm. Kuwaiti actor Abdul Aziz Al

Haddad will present a pantomime entitled "The Alienation of the Clown" at the Abdul Aziz Al Masoud Theatre, Keifan. The play, written, directed and acted by Al Haddad, is about a clown who faces a crisis of identity. Music by Mozart, Beethoven and others has been used; special effects are also incorporated. Admission is free. For details call 4812711.

## Malayalam Drama

APRIL 7: Gayathri Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Karutha Purnami" at Indian Arts Circle. Written by Chandran and directed by Nandan Iningalakuda. For entry passes call 5643126.

## SOCIAL

## St. Georges Day

APRIL 20: K.I.T. celebrates St. Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmadi. Entertainment and refreshments. To join them, call 3983724; 3985964

## KAPILKU Night

APRIL 7: 6.30 pm to 11.30 pm. Holiday Inn Hotel. A sing alike contest will be held. All contestants are asked to submit their entries to Sarah Macarambing, 4843447 or Rod Cerezo 2433595

## Summer Affair '88

FIRST Day of Eid: The Weekend Club will host the Summer Affair 87 at Regency Palace Hotel. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers in attendance. Highlights include Summer Queen contest, gala buffet dinner. Tel: Hilary Baretto - 5741380.

## Casuals Cricket Club

MAY 18: 8 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel. Annual dinner with special guest speaker Brian Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements - 5333248; or Val Tudball - 5327159.

## SPORTS

## L&amp;M Open Team

bowling tournament APRIL 6: 6.30 to 9.30 pm. The Open-team Bowling tournament will be held at Holiday Inn Hotel; organised by KAPILKU. It will continue every Wednesday and Thursday.

## Laser Sailing

APRIL 7: The Messilah Beach Hotel Laser Sailing Club start their Madhatters Ramadan series; first briefing at 10 am. All Laser sailors welcome. For details contact David Clark: (W)-4845171; (H)-Phillip Shepherd (W) 4841513; (H) - 5314957.



In the light of deception

Natya Bharati, an Indian group, has begun rehearsals for a Hindi play entitled "Bin Baati ke Deep".

It will be performed on May 4 and 5 at the Sharq Co-operative Hall.

Dr Shesh, who scripted such Hindi films as Gharoonda, writes about topical social problems. In Bin Baati ke Deep, Shesh tackles deception woven around the rags to riches story of a blind woman who trusts her husband and believes she is seeing the world through his eyes.

"It is a story of deception and plagiarism,"

explained director Rakesh Asthana, who last year acted in a comedy called Undersecretary.

The play stars Mamta Tomar, U.C. Sharma, Anshu Sharma and Prakash Nimani. Asthana plays the role of the husband.

The performance will be followed by a buffet dinner, provided by Caesars Restaurant. The group has been sponsored by Seven Up and Oriental Insurance.

Above: Asthana, Mamta, Anshu, Prakash and Sharma in rehearsal

## Swissair to offer mobile phones

SWISSAIR passengers arriving in Switzerland will soon be able to hire a portable cellular telephone for the duration of their stay. The service, which should be requested when booking the Swissair flight, will be available from May 1st.

Travellers wishing to use this facility may pick up the mobile phone unit at their Swiss airport of arrival or any of 22 Swissair air travel offices throughout the country. Units may be hired for one or several days.

Connections are provided by Switzerland's Natel-C network. Calls will be billed via the user's charge card. The new service has been jointly established by Swissair and the FLPC - Free Liberty Phone Company of Geneva. It is planned to extend the facility to other countries with extensive Natel-C compatible networks at a later date.



Rifai & Jashanmal Co. are exhibiting their Kenwood, Hoover and Yashica brand products at the '89 Electro Exhibition currently being held at the Mishrif Fairgrounds. Their pavilion features live demonstrations which have attracted many buyers. Margaret Godley, the professional demonstrator, from England is available for any questions about Kenwood home appliances.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
9.45 Tum Tek and Children  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.30 Songs and Music  
11.00 Walt Disney Hour  
12.15 Fi Rihab Tarbiya: In the field of Education. Part 3

1.00 News  
1.05 World today via satellite  
1.45 Songs and Music  
2.30 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.  
4.45 Hikayat Alamiya: cartoons  
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: presented by Jamil Hmoud  
7.00 News Summary  
7.05 From People's Art  
7.30 Show Jumping: local equestrian events  
8.30 With Islam: hosted and presented by Dr Khalid Al Madhkur.  
9.00 News  
10.00 TV Window: prepared and presented by Abdul Rahman Al Najjar  
10.30 Batala Min Waraka: Arabic film, starring Athar Al Hakim, Mamdouh Abdul Aleem, Ahmad Badr, Salah Qabil.  
12.15 Akhtarna Lakum: We Present...  
1.20 World today via satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

## FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoons  
9.45 Children's Magazine followed by songs and music  
10.15 Faez Al Tush: Arabic serial, starring Ghanem Al Slait, Abdul Aziz Jassam.  
11.00 Abadith Maudwar: Friday prayer and Friday sermon  
12.30 Alwan  
1.00 News  
1.05 World today via satellite  
1.35 Varieties  
2.00 Nahnu Ma'ak: We are with You.  
2.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutawalli  
3.00 Cultural Film  
3.30 Cartoons  
4.00 Arabic feature film  
6.00 Kuwait in a Week  
7.00 News Summary  
7.45 The Family: presented by Fatima Rashid

8.45 Hadith Al Usbooh: with Sheikh Ali Al Jassar.  
9.00 News  
10.00 Wrestling  
10.45 Amsiya Al Juma: local show  
11.30 News summary  
11.35 World today via satellite  
12.00 Holy Quran/Closedown

## KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: cartoons serial.  
6.30 Walt Disney Movie: "So Dear to My Heart". Starring: Burl Ives, Beulah Bondi, Bobby Driscoll. Disney nostalgia about life on a country farm. The animated sequences reinforce the live-action.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Beauty and the Beast: "Remember Love." Katherine invites Vincent to live in her world.  
9.40 Paul Daniels Magic Show  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Family Sins" Starring: Jill Eikenberry.  
12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note: KTV 2 will open only at 8.00 pm during the month of Ramadan

## FRIDAY

8.00 Holy Quran  
8.10 Islamic Horizon  
8.20 Cartoons  
8.30 Intergang: a gang boss wants to get hold of a book  
9.00 News in English  
9.30 Sayings of the Prophet (PBUH)  
9.45 Why Islam: a special programme for Ramadan.  
10.00 Big League Soccer: Brian Moore introduces British League Soccer games.  
12.00 Hunter: a woman is out to kill the man who sent her to prison - a policeman named Hunter.  
1.30 News Summary  
1.45 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## PRAYERS

Fajr 4.10 am  
Zuhr 11.50  
Asr 3.23 pm  
Maghreb 6.10  
Isha 7.28

## FRIDAY

Fajr 4.09 am  
Friday Prayer 11.50  
Asr 3.23 pm  
Maghreb 6.11  
Isha 7.29

## RAMADAN

## TIMINGS

Imssak 4.01 am  
Ifar 6.10 pm  
FRIDAY  
Imssak 4.00 am  
Ifar 6.10 pm

## NIGHT CHEMIST

## Kuwait

Al Watan Pharmacy  
Jawharat Al Khaleej Bldg.  
Mubarak Al Kabir St.  
Ibn Sina Pharmacy  
Mubarak Al Kabir St.

## Hawalli and Nagra

Al Sabah Pharmacy  
Othman St.

## Salamiya and Rumaithiya

Al Qudis Pharmacy  
Abdul Karim Maz al Bldg.  
Amman St.

## Fahsheel and Ahmadi

Ahmedi Pharmacy  
Souk Ahmadi

## Jleeb Al Shiyookh

Al Numan Pharmacy  
Opp. Intermediate School

## Jahra

Al Abraj Pharmacy  
Do'abal Al Khizai St.

## FRIDAY

## Kuwait

Loolwa Pharmacy  
Nr. Dasman Complex.  
Ahmadi Al Jaber St.  
Cairo Pharmacy  
Tukhaim Bldg., Fahad Al Salem St.

## Hawalli and Nagra

Rihab Pharmacy  
Rihab Complex, Tunis St.

## Salamiya and Rumaithiya

Al Shifa Pharmacy  
Hmoud Al Anjari Bldg.,  
Salem Al Mubarak St.

## Fahsheel and Ahmadi

Al Sheba Pharmacy

## New Kheitan

Al Ghazwa Pharmacy  
North St.

## Jahra

Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah  
Bldg., Matafi St.

## CINEMA

## Al Andalus

Florida Straits  
Starring: Raul Julia, Farid Ward.

## Al Salamiya

Inner Space  
Starring: Dennis Quaid

## Al Hamra

El'al Ami (Arabic)  
Starring: Ilham Shahin,  
Mohsin Mohiuddin

## Drive-In

Amber Al Maut (Arabic)  
Starring: Noor Al Shareef,  
Afaf Shuaib

## Al Firdous

Soorma Bhopali (Hindi)  
Starring: Jagdeep, Aruna  
Irani

## Fahsheel Open-Air

Ram Lakhani (Hindi)  
Starring: Anil Kapoor,  
Jackie Shroff

## Al Fahsheel

Baper Beta (Bengali)

## Al Jahra

La'aba Al Nissa (Arabic)

## Granada

Convoy

## Salsibikhat

Aparan (Bengali)

## Al Jleeb

Sachai (Hindi)

## Ahmadi Drive-In

Al Duniya Ala Jinah  
Yamama (Arabic)

## FRIDAY

## Al Jahra

Battle of Flying Tiger

## Granada

Be-Lagaam (Hindi)

## Salsibikhat

Urban Warriors

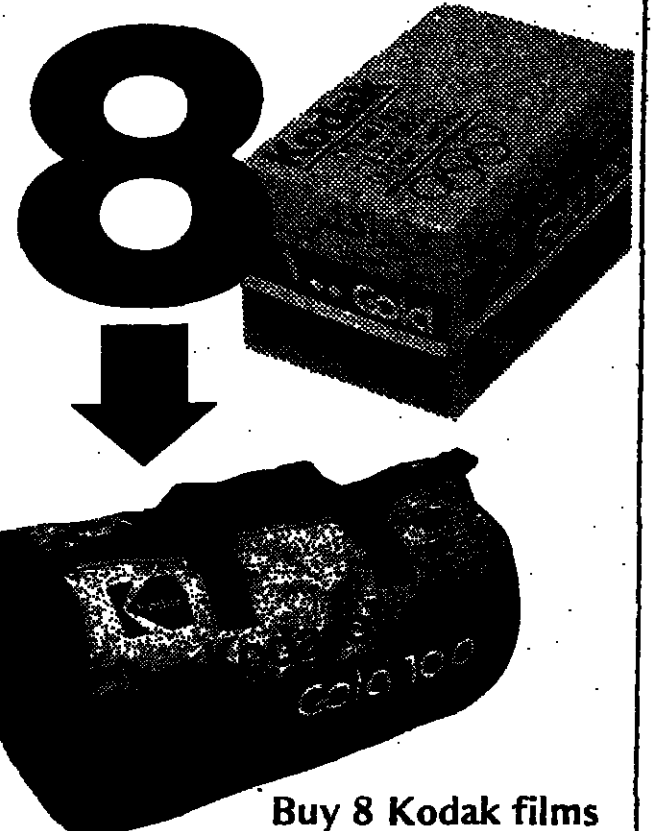
## Al Jleeb

Andha Yudh (Hindi)

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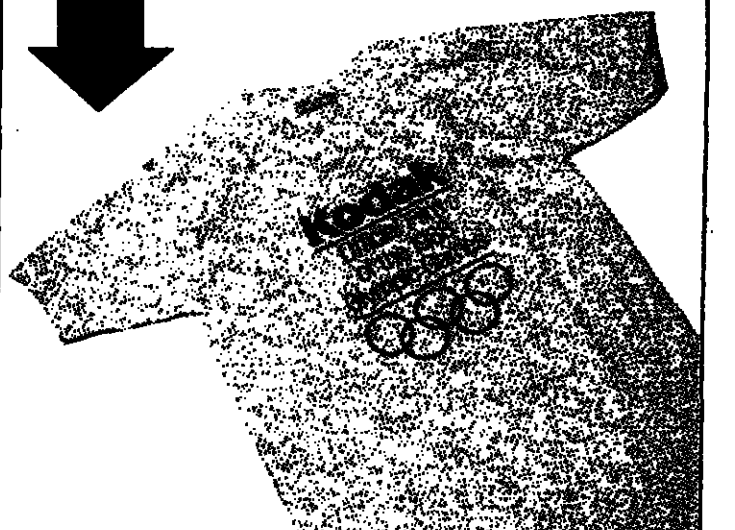
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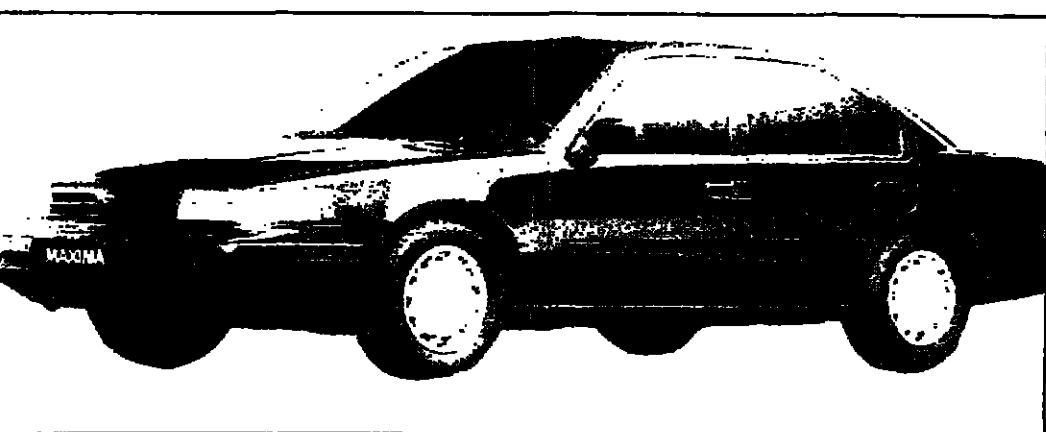
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## A new concept in car design

ABBAS Ahmad Al Shawaf & Bros. Company, for the first time in the Gulf and Middle East markets, recently introduced the New Nissan Maxima 1989.

The all-new Nissan Maxima 1989 was launched in Kuwait last week. It is considered to be one of the best cars this year. Its ARCX design won the award for the best future car at an international fair in Italy. The ARCX is a new concept of design in which the latest engineering advancement is employed to achieve the goal of creating the most spacious interior. Its 1.42 metre width allows the seating of three adults comfortably in the rear seat. Complete safety and enhanced comfort were the main achievements in designing the driver's seat. The control design enables a driver to adjust his seat to a comfortable

position during long trips. The Nissan Maxima exterior sets a new trend in the world of automobiles. Its aerodynamic body and extraordinary width compares favourably with luxurious European and American cars. Most body parts are made of rust-resistant and thermally treated durable steel. It is covered from both sides with a layer of zinc-nickel alloy. Paint is a revolution in its new concept. Natural resins and pearl powder have been used in the painting, thus giving it more shine than metallic paint.

The six-cylinder engine, V-shape and 3000 cc and a computerised fuel-injection, gives power to spare. The Nissan Maxima is fuel efficient and has a 170HP capacity allowing from 0 to 60 kph in 3.6 seconds, attaining 60 to 80 kph in just 3.6 seconds.

Automatic transmission: The new Nissan Maxima is the first car of its kind with a fully computerised engine. This allows the selection of the most suitable speeds at the most appropriate timings because of complete co-ordination between the gearbox and the engine. There is a three-position switch for transmission, the first on auto, the second on comfort and the third on power.

The brake system is operated on four discs with total co-ordination. The cruise system has an automatic control for any desired speed without the need for acceleration.

The front and rear suspension system: The McPherson suspension system is adopted in this new concept car, thus giving all the four wheels separate control.



ONE of America's best-kept secrets is pet-owner abuse — meaning the battering of owners by their pets. Nobody talks about it, but more people are showing up in hospital emergency rooms black and blue all over, and sometimes even with broken arms and fractured ribs. Inevitably, their injuries have been caused by "man's best friend," as these pets are called in the TV commercials.

There are no statistics available on how many battered pet-owners there are in this country because these crimes are rarely reported.

I recently made a hospital visit to a pet-owner named Mary R. to hear her story. She was willing to speak for this column on the condition that we didn't show her face and that we disguised her voice.

"How long have you been battered by your pet?" I asked her.

She bit her lip. "For seven years. When he was a Doberman puppy, he was so lovable, but as he grew older he kept sneaking up from behind and knocking me down."

## The Art Buchwald Column

### Pet-owner abuse

"Why do you think he did it?"

"He came from a long line of dogs who beat up their owners. It could very easily have been genetic."

"How did you break your ribs?" I wanted to know.

Mary R. wiped away a tear. "I was walking Buster on a leash when he saw a squirrel and bolted for it. My mistake was to hold on. He dragged me for almost 20 feet and my ribs cracked when I hit a rock garden dedicated to the Daughters of the American Revolution."

"It sounds like a typical battered pet-owner case."

"What made it even worse was that after he stopped chasing the squirrel, he came back to where I lay bleeding and pretended to passersby that nothing had happened."

"Why did you let him back in the house?"

She answered, "He's not like that all the time. Some

days he can be as sweet as Haagen-Dazs ice cream, and I guess I put up with the battering just to have those moments."

"Have you told anyone else that your Doberman beats up on you?"

"I'm afraid to. Buster has a terrible temper and I don't know what he would do if he overheard me complaining about him on the phone."

"Does he knock you down in front of your children?"

"All the time. Once I was trying to adjust the TV set in the living room and he pushed me right through the screen."

"How else does he abuse you?" I asked Mary R.

This time she cried as she spoke. "He licks my face when I am trying to put on makeup."

"Perhaps if he won't go, you should leave him," I suggested.

"Where could I hide?" I felt it was time to have a

serious talk with Mary R. "Pet-owner abuse is practiced all over this country. It has existed for a long time, but people never talked about it. For centuries pets tripped up their owners and bit their ankles — yet no one dared call the police. Then a few owners started to speak out and now there are support groups to help someone in need. You have a sick dog, and you have to stop making excuses for him. Otherwise, you will wind up in the broken bone department of this hospital every other week."

Mary R. said, "I don't know whether it's worse to be pounded by a pet or to live alone."

"I can't answer that," I confessed. "We know that Buster will never change and so you must. Does your pet mistreat your husband as well?"

"No, he left home two months ago after telling me to choose between him and the dog."

"And you chose the dog?"

"I had to. He's my best friend."

1989, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.



Male chauvinists watch out ... there's a female python lurking about.

By Kate Muir

I MET the first feminist python when I worked in a dark and rather dusty-smelling bar in the west end of Glasgow.

It was not immediately obvious that Suzy was a snake at all, never mind a right-on one, because she was snuggled round the neck of a regular, Big Annie, like a brown and black patterned Hermes scarf.

It was only when the scarf woke up, lifted her head and licked her lips that I dropped a pint of Guinness on my feet and realised the worst.

The barman pointed weakly to the No Dogs Allowed sign above the door and Big Annie (not a woman to be trifled with at the best of times) pointed out that there was no mention of snakes.

Suzy uncoiled a few feet and glared nastily at the barman, who muttered about checking some barrels and slunk off into the safety of the black cellar.

Confided "It's just men she doesn't like, you know," confided Big Annie, as she leaned most of her chest on the bar and awaited her pint of cider and blackcurrant. "Give her a stroke," Suzy, resuming her scarf position, consented to a nervous pat on the tail.

I only realised the sort of damage a pissed-off python can do later, when Big Annie's husband Robert arrived. He showed me two red holes in his palm, which matched another two tooth marks on the back of his hand and similar patterns up his arm, mingling with his

## Biting back — for feminism

tattoos. "She just headbutted the roof of her tank, shot across the room and sank her teeth right into my hand," he said to the admiring customers. "It's because ah gave her a good hard poke when ah bought her to see if she was healthy. Ah mean, snakes jus' lie there, so you've got to get them angry to see how fit they are."

Suzy had never forgotten her first meeting with Robert, when she was the size of a school ruler, and was making sure he didn't either, by making regular guerrilla assaults on him and other men. "See, a big python's worth about a hundred quid, but if she wasn't such a good wee breeder ah'd h'v got shot of her long ago," he said.

Robert wasn't just keen on breeding snakes, he was keen on breeding Roberts, and appeared to have another wife or girlfriend besides Big Annie, whose name we never discovered.

They were both very large, or in a perpetual state of pregnancy, and either one might turn up pushing a pram and wearing Suzy in a rather threatening way, to drag Robert home for his dinner.

For the women working behind the bar, seeing Robert brought to heel by a two-year-old snake was a

great pleasure, since he was in the bottom-pincer and troublemaker class of clientele.

He was small, fat, dark-haired and rather greasy and he used to lurk just at the bar exit, waiting to pat you when your arms were occupied by 15 empty glasses.

That was nothing to whatever he did in the Gents, from which various "friends" who owed him money would emerge, slightly roughed up or occasionally bloodied.

They would snatch a towelling mat from the bar, clutch it to their heads to stem the flow and disappear.

Violence

That sort of violence tended to stop if Suzy was around, particularly if she was performing her new trick of touring in and out of the beer pump handles.

The regulars, who normally spent their time leaning over the bar trying to see down the front of your dress, had to stand back and pretend they were hard men who were not afraid of a mere boa.

Even better, when the heavies got blottoed or pushed or miraculous, as they described it, Suzy began to take on gigantic proportions in their befuddled minds.

Any plans to chat up or pinch would go by the wayside as they quietly

worked themselves up into a state of fear, which Robert would encourage by showing his latest scars.

At the end of the summer when the football season began, Suzy's delightful reign of terror in the pub stopped. The men stopped discussing snakes and began discussing Celtic and Rangers again. Big Annie said it was too cold and wet to bring her down the road. "Pythons are dreadful for catching the cold, you know, so we're keeping them in their heated tanks again."

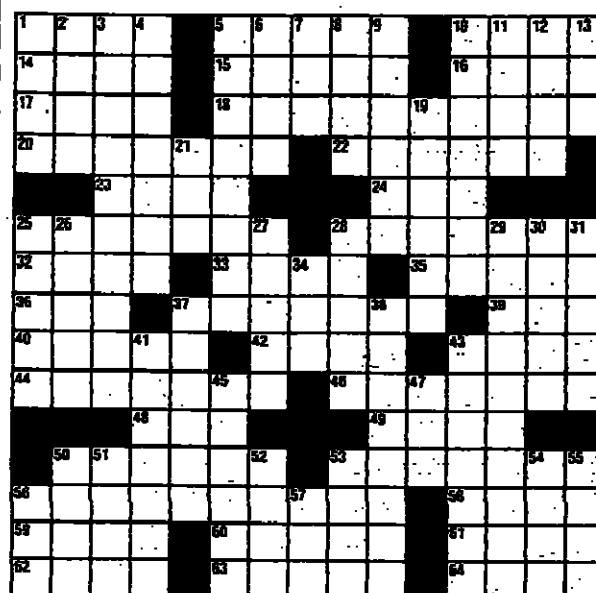
Soon after I stopped working in the bar, moved to London and heard nothing about Suzy for a couple of years. Then I was reading the Mirror and noticed a small story titled Snake Escape.

A six-foot-long python is on the loose in Glasgow. The brown and black patterned snake terrified a woman yesterday when it appeared from behind the panelling of her bath in a flat in the west end of the city. It then disappeared and council animal experts have been unable to find it. A local snake breeder has reported the loss of a python.

There was no follow-up story. It may not be Suzy sneaking down pipes into Glasgow bathrooms waiting to bite unsuspecting men who behave like Robert, but the snake showed no signs of attacking the terrified woman and politely disappeared.

It sounds like a feminist python to me. Bumpkinch considering taking a bath in Glasgow should beware.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Provincial love song
  - Works on the lawn
  - Military necessity
  - Bosc or Seckel
  - 15 type of timber
  - Shoebirds' timber
  - Story starter
  - Event for Retton
  - Sioux
  - Aim high
  - Token taker
  - Member of the crew
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  - Signed up
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  - Skiers' mecca
  - Plant disease
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  - Sodom citizen
  - Leon — Russian artist-set designer
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  - Used an atomizer
  - Many centuries
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- Footless creature
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  - Pool specialty
  - Small spaces
  - The Henley etc.
  - A Khan and others
  - Kipling lad
  - Landmark in Sicily
  - Add spice to wearing
  - Israel's Golda
  - Nutmeg spice
  - "Brief" approvals
  - Sudden rushes
  - Craggy hill
  - Sun-dried brick
  - Prince of Darkness
  - Namesakes of
- designer**
- Schlaparelli
  - Park, Colo.
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  - Ham it up
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  - Former shah
  - Graft, as plants: Var.
  - Dhurrie
  - Ordered
  - Pond growth
  - Bog down
  - Nobel physicist: 1944
  - Greek letter
  - God of love
  - canto
  - Zero

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
I IS FOR INFERENCE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 4  
♥ K 8  
♦ K 9 7 6 5  
♣ A K 3 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 9 7 5  
♥ Q 3 2  
♦ Void  
♣ J 10 9 7 5 4

**EAST**  
♠ Q 8 3  
♥ J 10 9 7 6  
♦ Q 8 3 2  
♣ Q

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 10 6 2  
♥ A 5 4  
♦ A J 10 4  
♣ 8 6

The bidding:

	South	West	North	East
1	♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5	♠	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6	♠	Pass	6	Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

This week, we will concentrate on gleaming clues from the bidding and play. One of the beauties of bridge is that it gives practitioners a chance to reason and infer, rather than project from a position where everything is known, as in chess. This hand fooled a many-time national champion.

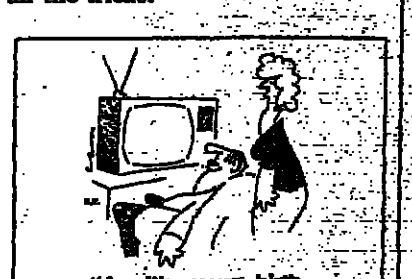
Even though North-South were playing five-card majors, North was prepared to play in a diamond slam even opposite a three-card suit in partner's hand. When South could not bid a grand slam, North

signed off in six diamonds.

Declarer won the opening club lead in dummy and East dropped the queen. A trump to the ace revealed the bad break, and declarer could not recover. Since he needed to ruff dummy's club losers in hand, he could not draw East's fangs, and East eventually scored a trump trick and a club ruff.

East's queen of clubs at the first trick should have flashed a warning signal that declarer was going to encounter bad breaks. After winning the opening lead, correct technique was for declarer to cash the king of diamonds. When the trump position shows up, declarer can still get home with careful timing.

After cashing the king-ace of spades and king-ace of hearts, declarer should ruff a heart in dummy. A marked trump finesse is then the entry to ruff a spade, and another trump finesse allows declarer to draw all of East's trumps. In practice, West will be squeezed in the black suits, and declarer will collect all the tricks.



"As it's your birthday, you can choose ONE programme this evening."



"Let down by YOUR family's birthdays, as usual!"

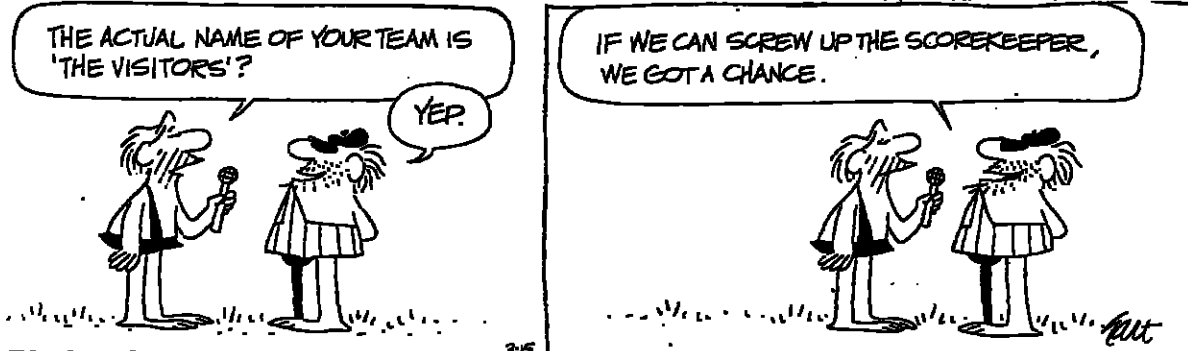
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will feel in top form but you must avoid over-confidence. Remember that others too have their inhibitions. If you expect something for nothing you will not get it. Be moderate.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Being a little slower but getting it right first time saves time in the end. Your lucky numbers are 32 and 15. An offer or proposal should be carefully examined for hidden snags. Make sure you do not say anything that might give offence. Be alert.



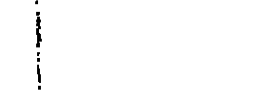
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not allow yourself to succumb to gloomy thoughts. You should listen carefully to what others are saying. Do not allow yourself to be distracted. Be sincere.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

A good idea will help you to keep out of trouble today. You should not place too much reliance on someone you do not know well. Make sure you take enough exercise. Be prepared.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Your personal life will take a turn for the better. Your social life should not be allowed to become too hectic. Make sure you look behind you when driving. Be magnanimous.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

One thing will lead to another but it will not be all as you would have liked. Still, you will know how to make the most of it. Your private life will be a little confusing. Be less critical.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

A friend of yours will greatly appreciate a phone call or letter. Ensure you do not neglect some small infection. Try to avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Be courteous.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

There is no point in feeling sorry for yourself. Remember that there are many far worse off than you. Do not allow work to become an obsession. Be truthful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

No good getting annoyed with yourself. Keep calm and analyse where you are going wrong. You will have one of those rare opportunities, but you must still be cautious. Do not take everything quite literally and do try to see the funny side too. Be careful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

Avoid regretting the past, instead look forward to the future. You should make good use of without becoming reliant on gadgets. Do not tell others just what you think of them. Be tactful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

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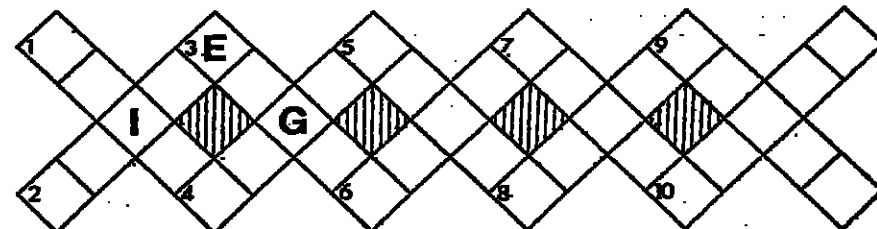


## Congratulations

## Refreshing summer drinks

## Fun with words

You need ten 5-letter words to complete this 'crissword'. Some of the letters have already been filled in. Can you fill in the rest from the clues?



### Clues

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 a woman's garment that hangs from the waist       | 5 marks left behind by a passer-by      |
| 2 a feeling of satisfaction arising from doing well | 6 to get to                             |
| 3 keen  | 7 having a lot of weight                |
| 4 fitting closely                                   | 8 the opposite of most                  |
|   | 9 sticky, because not yet dry           |
|   | 10 a light sailing boat used for racing |



Lubna Omar 'graduated' from kindergarten recently. She will now be attending infant school. Congratulations!



## Orange and lemon fizz

### INGREDIENTS

Makes 1 litre (2 pints)  
1 lemon  
250 ml (1/2 pint) orange squash  
1 bottle lemonade  
Ice cubes

### EQUIPMENT

Lemon squeezer Jug  
Small sharp knife Glasses

- 1 Cut lemon in half and cut one half into 3-4 slices. Squeeze juice from other half, place in jug.
- 2 Add orange squash and ice cubes. Pour on lemonade.
- 3 Float lemon slices on top and serve.

## Still lemonade

### INGREDIENTS

1 lemon  
250 ml (1/2 pint) water  
25g - 50g (1 oz - 2 oz) sugar to taste  
Ice cubes

### EQUIPMENT

Vegetable peeler Lemon squeezer  
Strainer

- 1 Thinly pare lemon rind using vegetable peeler. Place in small pan.
- 2 Squeeze juice from lemon, place in pan.

Add 250 ml (1/2 pint) water, bring to boil. Boil for 1 minute. Leave to cool, add sugar to taste.

### Variations

Oranges or limes can also be used. Alter the amount of sugar added to suit your taste.

## Banana milk shake

### INGREDIENTS

1 banana  
2 scoops of icecream  
500 ml (1 pint) milk  
1 rounded tablespoonful (25g or 1 oz) of sugar

### EQUIPMENT

2 glasses Mixing bowl  
Fork Whisk

- 1 Peel banana, put in bowl and mash with the fork.
- 2 Add sugar and milk, and whisk until frothy.
- 3 Pour into glasses, top with a scoop of icecream, and drink at once.

### Variations

Milk shakes can be made using different flavoured milk shake syrups. All of these can then be topped with a scoop of icecream.



## Dear Junior Readers,

Now that the Easter holidays are over, all of you better start some serious studying.

The end-of-year exams are extremely close and it will be a shame if you do not score good results.

Try to organise your time. Set up a study-timetable and follow it closely.

Devote the time of the day that you are most able to concentrate to your studies. This way, you finish your work both quickly and adequately.

You ought to be able to finish within a couple of hours if you concentrate properly. This will leave fine time for all the other things you want to do. Good luck.

Mamal

## Ha! Ha!

What's black and white and red all over?  
A sun-burnt penguin.

Did you hear about the Irish caterpillar?  
It turned into a frog.

What was purple and wanted to rule the world?  
Alexander the Grape.

What are the finest things to put in a fruit pie?  
Your teeth!

What do you call an astronaut's watch?  
A luna-tick.

When does an astronaut have his midday meal?  
At launch time.

What do you call a mad spaceman?  
An astronaut.

How did Noah see to the animals in the Ark?  
By flood-lighting.

What swings through trees and is very dangerous?  
A chimpanzee with a machinegun.

What did the baby ghost say when he wanted his favourite food?  
"I scream."

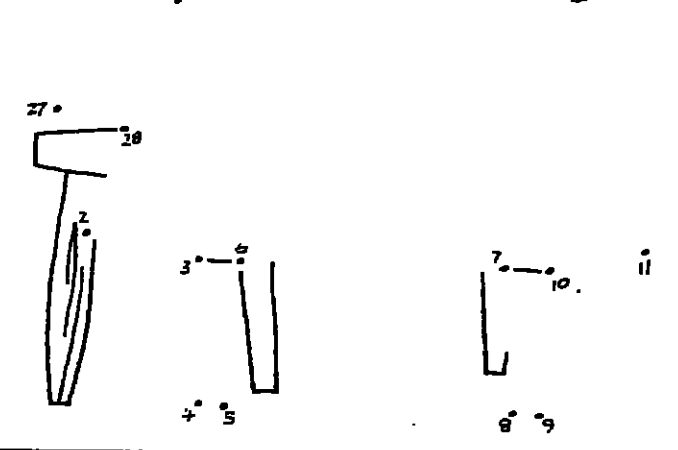
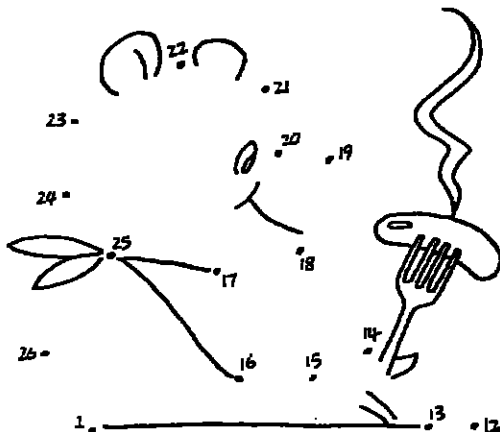
What did one ghost say to the other ghost?  
"I simply do not believe in people."

## Happy birthday

Luken Lawrence D'Souza celebrates his second birthday on April 8. Best wishes from parents, uncle Mustansir and friends.



## Join the dots



## Why the number 13 is considered unlucky

THE idea that the number 13 is unlucky is a superstition. There are many different kinds of superstitions, based on things in nature, charms, spirits, objects, colours, accidents, and so on.

But there is probably no superstition that has as many people observing it, in one way or another, all over the world, as the one that 13 is unlucky. Many hotels don't have a 13th floor — the count goes from 12 to 14. Some hotel rooms don't have a 13. Many people would never

have 13 persons at a dinner table.

Yet the strange thing is that there is no single, accepted explanation for the origin of the superstition about 13. There are many different ideas about the origin of it.

Some experts say 13 was unpopular from the time when man learned to count. By using his ten fingers and two feet as units, he came up with the number 12. But beyond that — 13 — was unknown and frightening to him.

Among religious circles, the 13 superstition is traced

back to the Last Supper, at which were Christ and the twelve Disciples — thirteen in all. Other people go back to the story of the Valhalla banquet in Scandinavian mythology, to which twelve gods were invited. Loki, the spirit of strife and mischief, intruded, making thirteen. As a result Balder, the favourite of the gods, was killed.

Another strange thing about 13 is that this number was regarded as lucky by the ancient Chinese and Egyptians.

## Young Poet

### About the Poet:

CONSTANTINE Churchill is a fourteen-year-old girl who enjoys the art of poem writing. She has submitted three short poems to share with Junior readers.

"The first two poems are haikus. A haiku is a poem of only seventeen syllables which are carefully strung together," she wrote, revealing her acute knowledge in poem writing.

Thank you Constantine.

### The Web

The web is like lace, delicately woven clinging on to moisture.

### Trees

Trees engulfed with mist are like soldiers marching as the moon looks on.

### The Swan

The beautiful swan was lulled to sleep by the gentle swaying of the luxurious sea.

It is a shame that Constantine did not include a photograph of herself with her work. Her fellow readers would have been happy to see her.

## Amazing facts

In 1925-27 a Swiss schoolmaster rode horseback from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to Washington, D.C. — a distance of 10,000 miles.

The tip of a kiwi's beak is so sensitive it can detect worms deep in the ground.

The oldest English bank was founded in 1603 by Francis Child.

A message in a bottle dropped by an American ship in 1941 floated 1250 miles across the Pacific in 53 days, but the native who found it could not understand any of the eight languages in which it was written.

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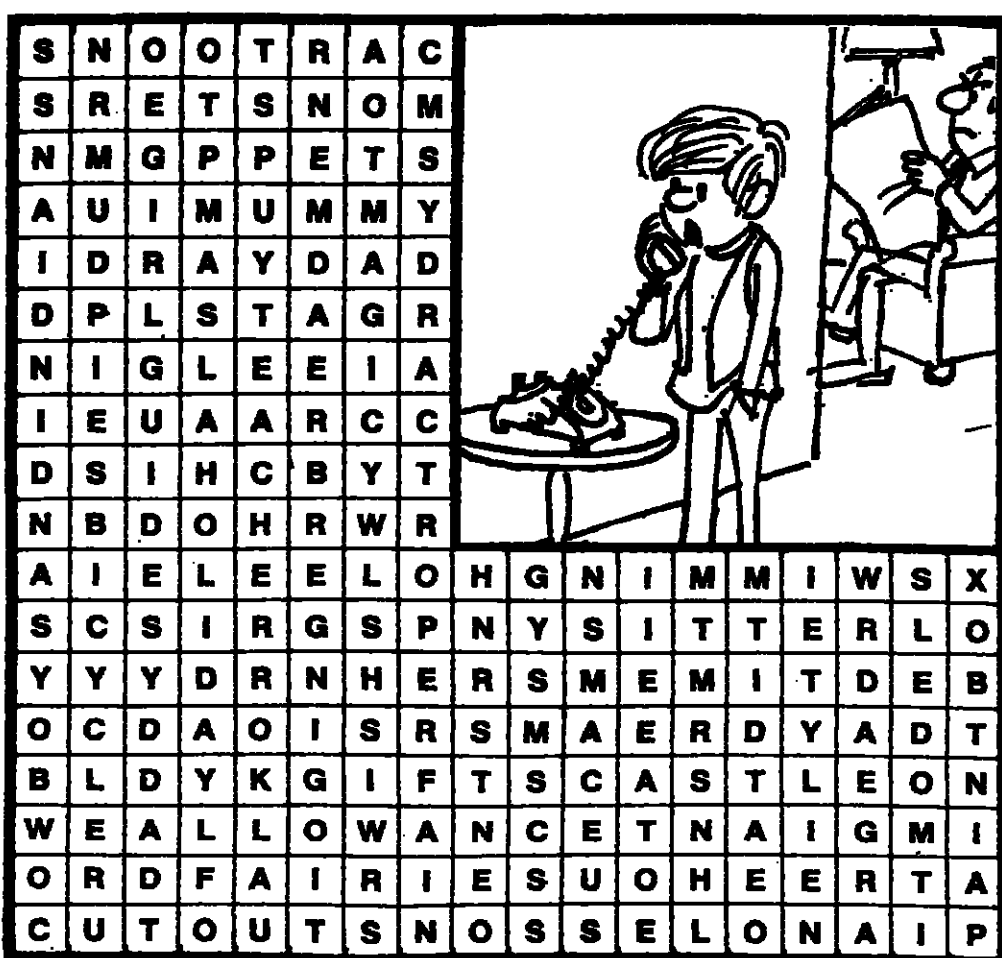
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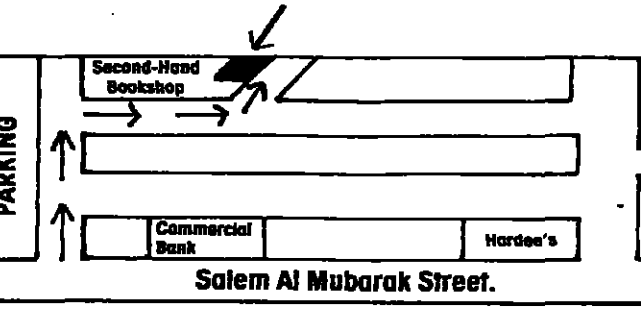
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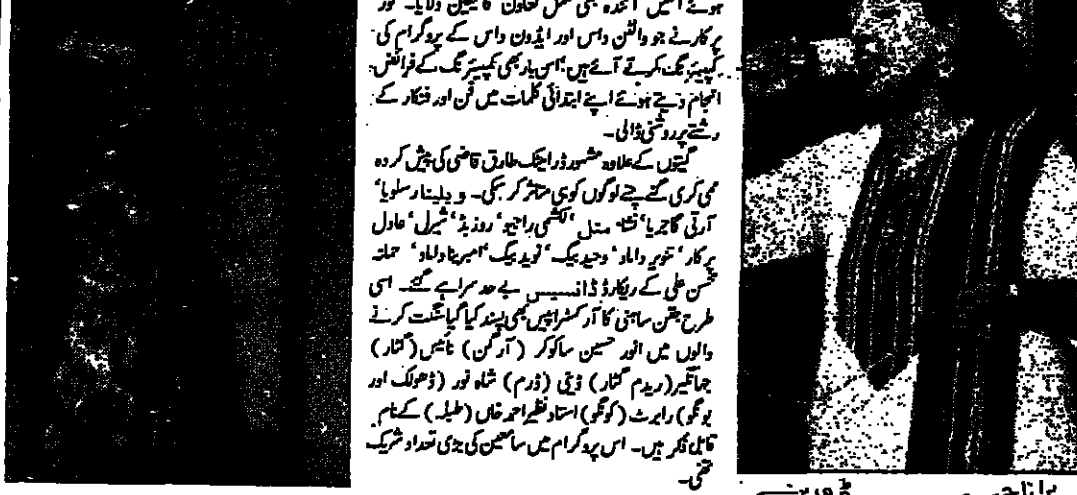
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## Table tennis

## Sweden kills giant China to snatch world title

DORTMUND, West Germany, April 5. (Reuters). Swedish coach Glenn Osth says hard work and talent helped his team to bridge the gulf with giants China and snatch the World Table Tennis title from their grasp for the first time in eight years.

Sweden's 5-0 win over China, the dominant force in the men's game for the last decade, in yesterday's final was achieved despite a huge gap in the number of players in the two nations. Sweden has 13,000 organised players, China has millions.

But Osth says determined effort, talent and strong team spirit brought the Swedes through a controversial final marred by an outburst by star Chinese player Jiang Jialiang.

"The chances to prepare for a world championships are a little bit different in China than in Sweden so you need some super talent in the team to do it," Osth said.

## Lost

China have lost only two men's team finals since 1971 and have defeated the Swedes in the last three. But Osth said his side took advantage of past experience to strike.

"In the previous finals we often lost many games when it was 20-20. We learned a lot through those losses and today we could prove it," he added.

The result gave a major boost to a sport desperate to improve its world-wide appeal by showing there are rivals to the dominant Chinese teams. China have picked up 25 out of the 28 gold medals on offer at the last four championships and have already won the women's team final here.

But bad-mannered behaviour by Jiang, one of most respected world champions, and a controversial decision by the sport's governing body during the final hardly enhanced the game's reputation.

## Penalised

Jiang held up play for 10 minutes in his rubber against Jan-Ove Waldner, refusing to continue unless the umpire was changed after he was penalised for a faulty serve.

The incident painted the darker side of a player who has previously been known as one of China's most sociable and cheerful champions and is expected to retire after Dortmund.

A decision by the International Table Tennis Federation, the sport's governing body, to overrule the chief referee and bow to Jiang's demands by replacing the umpire was heavily criticised.

"I find it scandalous for a world championship final to end with one player trying to blackmail the umpire in his own favour," said Hans Wilhelm Gaeb, president of the Dortmund Organising Committee.

The Swedish victory made up for disappointment at the last championships in New Delhi where the team were struck by a virus and lost 5-0 in the final.

## American rider wins second leg

LA ARBOLEDA, Spain, April 5. (AP). American Andrew Hampsten won the second leg of the 29th tour of the Basque Country Cycling Race yesterday, while Spaniard Pello Ruiz Cabestany became the new overall leader.

Hampsten, who won the Italian cycling race in 1988, covered the 30 kms (18.6 miles) in 56 minutes and 44 seconds, after a strong sprint with the main group of riders. All them finished at the same time as the winner.

The second leg comprised a total of 199 kms (123 miles) between Lazcano and Valle de Trápaga, with six mountain passes, but it was cut because of bad weather.

Cabestany, who was sixth in the leg at the same time as Hampsten, took the yellow jersey as overall leader from Denmark's Johnny Weltz.

Today's third leg is scheduled to be run between Valle de Trápaga and Ebadin, a stretch of 183 kms (113 miles) with five mountain passes.

Leg standing:  
1. Andrew Hampsten, United States, 56:44.  
2. Rolf Jaermann, Switzerland, same time.  
3. Roland Leclercq, France, same time.

## Family Circle Magazine Cup Tennis Tournament

## Graf and Navratilova win in second round

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, April 5. (AP). Top-seeded Steffi Graf and No. 2 Martina Navratilova both struggled in the early going before winning yesterday in the second round of the \$300,000 Family Circle Magazine Cup Tennis Tournament.

Graf, the top-ranked women's player in the world, defeated Rosalyn Fairbank of South Africa 6-4, 6-3.

Navratilova was extended to three sets before defeating Laura Gildemeister of Peru 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

No. 3 Zina Garrison withdrew from the competition yesterday. She suffered a groin pull against Chris Evert during the Lipton International Players Championship last week.

The only seeded player to lose was No. 12 Raffaella Reggi of Italy, who fell to Jana Pospisilova of Czechoslovakia 7-5, 6-4.

Graf's match with Fairbank

lasted 76 minutes under a hot midday sun in stadium court. The 19-year-old West German fell behind 4-3 in the first set before taking three straight games.

## Faulted

Graf double faulted to end the sixth game of the second set and allow Fairbank to draw even at 3-3.

But Graf then rattled off three straight to take the set and the match.

"The first match is a little tougher than usual and you're not as patient," said Graf. Who had a bye in the first round on Monday.

"Rosalyn was playing really well. She kept the ball in play and I really didn't have the rhythm." Graf, who hasn't lost a match this year, said she was a little anxious.

"I just have to be a little patient. I've played well so far. I try to take everybody seriously," she said.

Graf didn't play in the tournament last year. Navratilova is the defending tournament champion.

"I played one bad set, one mediocre set and one good set," Navratilova said of her match. "I was a little nervous playing my first match in five weeks playing on clay and it got a little windy."

"I was a little tentative on my return of serve and I was running around a lot," she said.

## Serve

Gildemeister broke Navratilova's serve in the final game of the second set to win the set. Navratilova responding by winning two straight games to open the third set.

It appeared Gildemeister might climb back into the match in the third game, which went to Deuce six times.

At one point during the game, Navratilova broke her racket in the clay trying to return a volley at the baseline and tossed it into

the stands. Navratilova won the game when Gildemeister returned a volley wide of the sideline. She then breezed through the last three games.

In other second round action yesterday, No. 4 seed Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union defeated Wendy White of the United States 6-1, 6-2 and No. 10 Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden beat Camille Benjamin of the United States 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Other winners yesterday included seventh-seeded Arantxa Sanchez of Spain, Linda Ferrando of Italy, Regina Rajchrtova of Czechoslovakia and Karen Schimper of South Africa.

No. 11 Bettine Fulco of Argentina faced Iva Budarova of Czechoslovakia in a late match. Shaun Stafford defeated Donna Faber, both of the United States, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 in the continuation of a first round match suspended Monday because of darkness.

## NBA roundup

## Washington Bullets score 14th consecutive win

NEW YORK, April 5. (AP). Bernard King scored 43 points and Jeff Malone added 29 last night, pacing the Washington Bullets to their 14th consecutive home court victory, 104-96 over the New York Nets.

The 43 points are the most King has scored since he played for New York and suffered a knee injury in March 1985 that sidelined him for 24 months. He scored 19 points in the first quarter, tying the Washington record for points in an opening period.

Malone scored 16 in the second period, two short of the record by a Bullet in a second quarter since the team moved from Baltimore in 1973.

## Lost

Corey Gaines scored 18 points for the Nets, who have lost four straight games, 13 in a row away from home and haven't won at the capital centre in their last nine visits covering three seasons.

In other games, Cleveland beat Atlanta 105-91, Philadelphia downed New York 124-113, Houston defeated Indiana 90-88, Chicago defeated Charlotte 121-101, San Antonio downed Miami 109-87, Denver got past Sacramento 128-124, Utah beat Dallas 95-80, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Seattle 115-97, Boston beat the Los Angeles Clippers 124-108.

Indiana Pacers' La Salle Thompson (left) and Vern Fleming (right) lunge for a loose basketball along with Houston Rockets' Otis Thorpe during the first quarter of their NBA game. (Reuters wirephoto)



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Philadelphia the lead for good. The 76ers, who have won four straight games and six of seven, became the first team to beat the Knicks twice at Madison Square Garden this season. New York is 32-5 at home but four of the

defeats have come in their last seven outings. Charles Barkley added 32 points for Philadelphia. Patrick Ewing had 33 points and 20 rebounds. Mark Jackson 24 points and Johnny Newman 18 for the Knicks.

Cavaliers 103, Hawks 91

Ron Harper scored 32 points and Cleveland's defence forced four straight turnovers during an 11-0 tie-breaking run midway through the fourth quarter.

John Williams made two free throws to start the game, giving the Cavaliers an 84-82 lead with 8:19 left. The Hawks then turned the ball over on their next four possessions, beginning with two straight steals by Craig Ehlo that set up easy fast-break baskets by Harper and Mark Price.

Bucks 121, Hornets 101

Michael Jordan, playing his 14th game at point guard, notched his sixth consecutive triple-double — 33 points, 10 rebounds, 12 assists.

It was Jordan's 10th triple-double of the season and 15th of his career. Coach Doug Collins left him in the runway game until 5:14 was left. The Bulls are 11-3 since Jordan moved from shooting guard to point guard. He also led the Bulls with six steals.

Becker and teammates Carl-Uwe Steeb, Eric Jelen and Patrick Kuehnert, the squad which carried West Germany to the title against Sweden in last year's final, seem too strong —



Navratilova: three set win

## Becker may lead West German squad into Davis Cup semifinals

LONDON, April 5. (Reuters). Boris Becker should lead holders West Germany into the Davis Cup semifinals this weekend at the expense of a Czechoslovakia team likely to be stripped of the talents of the mercurial Miloslav Mecir.

With Mecir expected to be lost to his team because of a back injury, Becker and company may find that a potentially troublesome visit to Prague has turned into a gentle weekend outing.

Mecir's back injury forced his withdrawal from the two-week Key Biscayne event last month and he was taken to hospital in agony from practice in Prague on Monday. The final decision was delayed, but he was not expected to be fit.

In desperation, team captain Frantisek Pala telephoned US based Ivan Lendl, but had his appeal turned down by the world's number one, who has not played Davis Cup since 1985.

## Strong

Becker and teammates Carl-Uwe Steeb, Eric Jelen and Patrick Kuehnert, the squad which carried West Germany to the title against Sweden in last year's final, seem too strong —

on paper anyway — for a Czechoslovak quartet which would comprise Milan Streheber, Tomas Smid, Petr Korda and Marian Vajda. Czechoslovakia are not the only team with problems heading into the quarterfinal ties.

Austria upset Australia 5-0 in the first round and Sweden might well have viewed with caution their weekend trip to Vienna. Then the best Austrian player, Thomas Muster, was injured in a freak car accident in Florida last weekend and suddenly a daunting prospect for the struggling Swedes became a manageable one.

## Better

But Sweden still need better performances than they have had recently from former world number one Mats Wilander and Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg to dispose of the Austrians on a court composed fully of clay in Vienna's Ferry Dusika Stadium.

The clay-over-matting compound surface on which they beat the Australians has since been prohibited by the International Tennis Federation.

Yugoslavia's home advantage may be too much for Spain to

overcome, with the big-hitting Slobodan Zivonjovic and the fast-rising Goran Ivanisevic expected to be too strong for the clay-oriented Spanish squad on a fast carpet surface in split.

Spain had the toughest opening round tie of the eight survivors, a 3-2 victory over Mexico, and the Sanchez brothers and their teammates may be out of their depth in split.

## Prodigy

John McEnroe, the veteran on the way back up, and teenager Andre Agassi, the falling prodigy, will lead the United States against France in what is potentially the most attractive tie of the four.

San Diego is the venue for a tie which could go down to the wire if Agassi does not improve on his recent form and if Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte produce the tennis of which they are capable. McEnroe has won more Davis Cup singles matches, 37, than any American in history. But the US team's ace-in-the-hole could turn out to be their doubles pair of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso.

The ever reliable duo are unbeaten in Davis Cup play and they also hold the Olympic title.

## European final four basketball tournament

## Maccabi Tel Aviv and Jugoplastika win semifinals

MUNICH, West Germany, April 5. (AP). What do 18-0 and 0-4 have in common? Both sets of numbers added up to victory yesterday night for Maccabi Tel Aviv and Jugoplastika — and berths in the championship game of the European final four basketball tournament.

The Thursday night tie game will be a rematch of one of Europe's most exciting championships. In 1971, Maccabi won the first of its two titles, beating Jugoplastika 70-69.

Maccabi, led by former US college star Kevin Magee, turned its semifinal with Aris Thessalonika around with the help of 18 consecutive points in the second half and beat the Greeks 99-86.

Then Jugoplastika, a team from Yugoslavia's Dalmatian coast sporting seven players 21 years or younger, got a boost from cold shooting by Barcelona and beat the heavily favoured Spaniards 87-77.

Barcelona closed a 16-point gap to six points, 83-77, with 3:45 remaining but failed to score the rest of the way and went 0-4 on four very makeable shots.

## Missed

First, former Ohio State University star Granville Waiters of the United States missed a turnaround jumper from three feet. Then, Audie Norris missed two free throws. Finally, with a clear path to the basket, Andres Jimenez clanged a sure layup off the rim with 1:20 to play.

"We had possibilities to change the score," Barcelona coach Alejandro Garcia said. "We missed some easy shots. This is the main reason we lost."

That, and a Jugoplastika dynamo named Toni Kukoc. Billed by many as the "magic Johnson of Europe," the 2.08-metre forward dazzled the Spaniards in the first half, scoring 17 points on 79 per cent shooting.

then broke a scoreless spell of 2:43 late in the game with an uncontested layup that sealed the victory.

"I don't want to make excuses," Garcia said, "but Kukoc in the first half was awesome and we were not playing 100 per cent. It affects good players, such as ours, when they find out other players can play the game, too."

## Shooting

Kukoc wound up with a game-high 24 points on 68-per cent shooting.

Jugoplastika never trailed, unlike Maccabi, a finalist for the third year in a row and seventh overall.

The Tel Aviv club was down 68-60 midway through the second half. Just before former Seton Hall star Nick Galis of the United States accounted for that margin with a running one-handed layup for Aris, Magee and Greg

Willert looked arms over a rebound, and both benches emptied.

From then on, Maccabi, the tournament's top seed, was a different team.

"It is easy to move from fighting to unfairness, and giving up," said Maccabi coach Zvi Sherf. "I am glad we do not have that kind of players."

Maccabi went on a tear, outscoring Aris 34-11, including an 18-0 run that took it from a 79-76 deficit to a 94-79 lead.

Sherf said a change in defence by Aris helped his club.

"They went into a man-to-man, which helped us in our set offence," he said. "Over that late stretch, better defence by us, running the fast break because we got defensive rebounds and running our set offence turned into 18 straight points."

Magee finished with a game-high 29 points, including eight in the stretch run.

## Montreal Expos win season opener

NEW YORK, April 5. (AP). Jeff Robinson walked Tim Lincecum with the bases loaded in the ninth inning yesterday, giving the Montreal Expos a season-opening 6-5 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I think if this had been last year, I would have tried to win the ball game myself," Raines said. "I think I learned from last year that what's important to me is to get my walks, too, and lay off bad pitches."

The Expos trailed 5-4 yesterday entering the bottom of the ninth. But they tied the game on Darnaso Garcia's bases-loaded single with two outs in the ninth. Robinson then walked Raines on a 3-2 pitch to force in the winning run.

Andy McGaffigan pitched 1 2-3 innings of relief to pick up the win.

Robinson, who took the loss, gave up four hits and three runs in 1 2-3 innings. He also walked four.

Barry Bonds had four hits for Pittsburgh, including a solo homer.

In other American League games, the Chicago Cubs beat Philadelphia 5-4, the Houston Astros beat the Atlanta Braves 10-3, and the San Francisco Giants defeated the San Diego Padres 8-3.

Cubs 5, Phillies 4

Andre Dawson had a two-run homer and Mitch Williams struck out the side in the ninth after loading the bases with none out as the Chicago Cubs beat Philadelphia 5-4, spoiling Nick Leyva's managerial debut.

Dawson's homer, the 299th of his career, came in the fourth inning off loser Floyd Youmans after Ryne Sandberg had opened the inning with a double.

Astros 10, Braves 3

Mike Scott, one day after sign-

inga \$4.6-million contract extension, allowed six hits in seven innings and hit a two-run single, leading Houston to a 10-3 opening-day victory over Atlanta.

Struggled

Scott, 1-0, struck out seven but struggled with his control, walking four, and gave up solo homers to Tommy Gregg and Ron Gant. He was relieved by Larry Andersen to start the eighth inning and Dave Smith finished.

Giants 8, Padres 3

Bruce Hurst was shelled in his San Diego debut, yielding consecutive home runs to Will Clark and Kevin Mitchell in a six-run, third inning as San Francisco beat the Padres 8-3.

Hurst, 18-6 for the Boston Red Sox last season, pitched five innings and allowed eight runs and 10 hits. Kelly Downs pitched seven scoreless innings for the victory and was relieved by Joe Price.

## Grand National celebrates 150th birthday

LIVERPOOL, England, April 5. (Reuters). Near the grime of Liverpool's industrial heartland a team of dedicated men have put the finishing touches to 20 weeks' work on horse racing's most famous obstacle.

All is ready once more for a race that will last under 10 minutes but will provide thrills and excitement few other sporting events can offer.

On Saturday, the Aintree Grand National celebrates its 150th birthday and a record crowd is expected to watch 40 horses pit themselves against the ditches, drops and heights of such renowned obstacles as Becher's brook, the chair, the canal turn and the water jump.

The awesome fences lend the National the extra ingredient that sets it aside from normal equine endeavour.

## Favourite

It is the British bookmaker's favourite event with upwards of £60 million (\$110 million) staked, much of it by housewives having their only wager of the year.

The National also ranks high among the racing fraternity for there is not a jump jockey, owner or trainer who has not set his sights on winning it.

The demands on the stamina of horse and jockey over the 30 fences and four and a half miles (7.2 km) are unmatched. Its history is one of fairytale endings and tragedy. This Saturday 600 million people in 43 countries

will tune in to the latest episode. Names like Aldaniti, Red Rum, Devon Loch and Golden Miller spring readily to mind.

## Landmarks

There are other landmarks: 900 AD — Vikings invade England, clear a forest area near Liverpool, form a settlement and name it Aintree — one tree.

1577 — Horse-racing replaces cock-fighting and bull-baiting as the most popular sport in the area.

1839 — The first Grand National is raced and won by lottery — a name to set the tone for future races full of surprises. Captain Becher falls at the brook and history is made, although the captain never races at the course again.

1863/64 — Sister Emblem and Emblematic follow each other to victory.

1900 — Ambush II wins for the Prince of Wales, bestowing some respectability on the race.

1901 — A loving owner covers his horse's feet with butter to prevent him from slipping. As a blizzard descends on the course, a buttery Grudon emerges the victor.

1906 — Aubrey Hastings scores a notable double as trainer and rider of Ascetic's Silver.

1908 — American-based Rubio wins at 66-1 and stirs interest across the Atlantic. Rubio had done a stint pulling a bus 50 km a day to strengthen his legs.

Other winning horses have pulled a plough and a taxi.

1915 — Ally Sloper, named after a Victorian cartoon character, conquers his erratic jumping to make Lady Nelson the first female winning owner.

1923 — Higher entry fees eliminate lower quality runners, but the element of lottery continues, proved the following year when Master Robert, bought for £50 (\$80), confounds the experts and defeats a high-class field.

1934 — Golden Miller becomes the only horse to take the National and the Cheltenham Gold Cup in the same season.

1938 — Victory for the American Raider Ballteseth owned by Marion du Pont Scott, wife of film star Randolph.

1941 — During the war years Aintree closes its racecourse and houses US troops during the build-up to the Allied invasion of Europe.

1948 — Bad-tempered Sheila's Cottage wins and later bites off jockey Arthur Thompson's finger.

1956 — Devon Loch, owned by Britain's Queen Mother, sprays and falls on the run-in with the race at his mercy.

1958 — The Irish horse Mr What triumphs by 30 lengths but in 33 subsequent outings never wins again.

1961 — The Soviet Union sends three horses — without success.

## 15-year-old Chinese diver will be back to take gold

BEIJING, April 5. (AP). Xiong Ni always wanted to fly.

At age 6, he was a top tree-climber. Two years later, he was his school's best jumper. At 14, twisting and spinning, backflipping and somersaulting, he went head-to-head with US diver Greg Louganis at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

"I only won the silver but I'll be back," Xiong said. "And this time I'll be ready for the gold."

In his few quiet moments, China's diving phenomenon still replays that September scene in Seoul.

It's the men's diving finals and he leads Louganis by three points. Louganis mounts the diving platform for the 10th and final dive. A few steps, a spring, a splash and Louganis wins the gold medal.

"We were robbed," the Chinese jeered. Papers throughout the country still cry foul.

"It hurt to lose," Xiong said. "But what hurts more is that I've lost my chance to beat him."

After the Olympics, Louganis announced his retirement from the sport.

## Dominate

Xiong is one of four teen-age divers that China hopes will dominate the sport in the years to come. Their hopes are high for championship competition set for May in Indiana.

Hand-picked before their 10th

birthdays, the young divers have undergone intensive training since then. Their success is testimony to China's sports system, which gives top-notch training to the gifted, but little to the average citizen.

For most of the year, Xiong attends a special sports high school in Changsha, the provincial capital of Hunan province and home to the late Chinese leader Mao Tse-Tung. Several months before each international competition, he journeys to Beijing for intensive training.

All sessions are closed to reporters and Chinese sports officials whisper that Xiong's training methods are "secret."

Such vigilance may appear strange in the West, but in a society that views international sporting contests as a battle among races, the obsession seems almost logical.

With his busy schedule of training and schoolwork, Xiong said he has little time for friends. As such, he has become a serious boy, known in China as "the man-child."

"I don't get much of a chance to play," Xiong said. "Time is too precious now."

He also spends a lot of time away from his family — workers in Changsha. "But they support me completely. They understand that I have to do this,"



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Union journey

A UNION Tennis-ball Cricket Tournament is to be held, commencing Friday, April 7. Teams wishing to participate are requested to send their representatives tonight to the Indian restaurant near Tamimi Video, Dabbous Bldg., Fahahel at 9 pm sharp. Draws and details will be discussed there.

## Featherweight title

LOS ANGELES, April 5. (Reuters): Mexican Juan Jose Estrada stopped Jesus Pili of Venezuela one minute 38 seconds into the 10th round of their scheduled 12-round bout to retain his World Boxing Association junior featherweight title yesterday.

Estrada knocked Pili to the Canvas twice in the 10th round before referee Lou Moret stopped the bout.

## Liberators Cup

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil, April 5. (AP): Internacional is expected to show offensive power in its opening game today against Penarol of Uruguay in the second phase of the Liberators of America Cup soccer tournament, the South American Club Championship.

The game begins at 0030 GMT in Beira-Rio Stadium in this southern-most Brazilian city.

## World Cup deadline

ROME, April 5. (AP): The Italian government yesterday extended by about a month the deadline for completion of construction work for the 1990 World Cup, which has been severely delayed.

At the same time the government approved a decree levying heavy fines on construction companies that don't meet the new deadline. The penalties range from 3 to 10 per cent of the value of the contracts.

The deadline has been extended from April 30 to June 5, 1990. The World Cup kicks off in Milan on June 8.

## Mechelen lead

MECHELEN, Belgium, April 5. (Reuters): Eli Ohana scored in the 11th minute to give Mechelen of Belgium a 1-0 lead over Sampdoria of Italy in their European Cup Winners' Cup semifinal first leg today.

## Americas Cup

SANTA CRUZ, California, April 5. (AP): "It's full speed ahead," cried Commodore Charles Ellery, announcing that his tiny Portia Sail Yacht Club is challenging New Zealand for the America's Cup in 1991.

"This is a serious challenge," said Ellery, an International Business Machines buyer who has pledged \$90,000 "of my own money" over the next two years toward the effort.

## Ski championship

BRECKENRIDGE, Colorado, April 5. (AP): Trace Worthington won the men's aerial title and Melanie Palenik captured the women's title yesterday at the US freestyle ski championships.

The aerials were run in bad weather with wind and snow, which prompted officials to postpone the Mogul events until today.

Worthington broke a ski on landing after his first jump but went on to victory on a new set of skis.

## NHL hockey

NEW YORK, April 5. (AP): The great Gretzky gamble is starting to pay off for the National Hockey League with a first-round series between Wayne Gretzky and the Los Angeles Kings and his former team, the Edmonton Oilers.

After playing 80 games to eliminate five of the league's 21 teams, the NHL playoffs begin tonight with eight games, including the matchup at the forum in Inglewood, California, between the Kings and the Oilers.

But if that intrigues the league office and the public, it means little to Gretzky and his teammates unless it culminates three series down the road with a Stanley Cup, which will be rewarded sometime around memorial day.

## Hungary win

BUDAPEST, April 4. (Reuters): Hungary, showing a touch of invention suggesting a possible renaissance of their attacking creativity, cruised to a 3-0 win over Switzerland in an international soccer friendly yesterday.

Hungary's opener came in the 21st minute from Lajos Detari after deft dribbling by winger Gyula Hajos. He beat three defenders before passing to Jozsef Kiprich, who stepped over the ball, leaving Detari to chip it in.

In the 35th minute a well-placed 40 metres free kick by Detari landed low in the box where Ervin Kovacs outwitted his marker to head in from eight metres.

## Patterson makes bid for Test recall

## India and West Indies Board XI match drawn

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, April 5. (Reuters): The rain-hit four-day match between a West Indies Cricket Board XI and India ended in a draw on the final day yesterday.

Patrick Patterson took five for 47 for the Board XI against India yesterday in a late bid for a recall to the West Indies side for the second cricket Test which starts on Friday.

Patterson's pace and bounce brought him four wickets in only six overs as India, 38 for two overnight, collapsed to 103 for nine before declaring to protect tailender Narendra Hirwani. The Board XI replied with 185 for three.

Resistance Only Sanjay Manjrekar, with a brave 39 on an uncertain pitch, offered any prolonged resistance after Navjot Sidhu (17) was out to a fine gully catch by Carl Hooper from the second ball of the day, bowled by Winston Benjamin.

Thereafter it was a steady procession as Ajay Sharma was caught off the splice at short backward square in the second over when Tony Gray got a

delivery to lift sharply. Robin Singh defended stubbornly for an hour before becoming the first of Patterson's four victims on the day when the Jamaican found the shoulder of the bat to give keeper David Williams a head high catch.

Acting captain Kapil Dev was caught at first slip in Patterson's next over for two while Manjrekar's 185-minute stay was ended by another vicious lifter which was gloved to Williams.

Survived Sanjeev Sharma (seven) could only fend another Patterson lifter to gully before Margashayan Venkatarama (eight), having survived grimly for half an hour, edged a leg-cutter from Gray to give Williams his fifth catch of the innings. The Board XI got off to a quick start, posting 50 after only 12 overs before the left-handed Clayton Lambert, from Guyana, was superbly caught one handed by Ajay Sharma at second slip off Kapil for 27.

Phil Simmons made an aggressive 35 before he was out in the 20th over to a fine diving catch by Hirwani at mid-off of Sanjeev



Patterson: five for 47

Sharma. - Carl Hooper (54 not out) joined Carlisle Best to add 95 in 77 minutes, both batsmen using their feet very well against the spinners.

Recovered Hooper, at last recovered from a troublesome knee injury which

has prevented him from playing since the Australian tour, twice hit Hirwani for six, first over extra cover and then straight. Best's 58 ended when he holed out to deep mid-wicket off Venkatarama, his innings taking him to 600 first-class runs for the season at an average of 85.

Scoreboard	
INDIA first innings (overnight 38 for two)	
Arav Lal c Williams b Gray	2
N. Sidhu c Hooper b Benjamin	17
W. Raman c Williams b Patterson	2
Manjrekar c Williams b Patterson	39
A. Sharma c Benjamin b Gray	0
R. Singh c Williams b Patterson	10
Kapil Dev c Simmons b Patterson	2
S. Sharma c Hooper b Patterson	7
S. Karim not out	2
Venkatarama c Williams b Gray	8
Extras (lb-1 nb-13)	14
Total (for nine declared)	103
Fall of wickets: 1-8 2-12 3-38 4-40 5-44 6-43 7-89 8-92 9-104	
Did not bat: N. Hirwani	
Bowling: Patterson 19-3-47-5, Gray 16-1-4-31-3, Benjamin 8-3-11-1, Harper 7-3-13-0	
WEST INDIES Cricket Board XI first innings	
P. Simmons c Hirwani b S. Sharma	35
Lambert c A. Sharma b Kapil Dev	27
C. Best c Ash b Venkatarama	59
C. Hooper not out	54
Extras (lb-4 nb-7)	11
Total (for three wickets)	185
Fall of wickets: 1-52 2-90 3-185	
Did not bat: B. Lara, C. Davidson, R. Harper, D. Williams, W. Benjamin, A. Gray, P. Patterson	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 7-1-27-1, S. Sharma 9-0-48-1, Singh 5-0-23-0, Hirwani 11-0-54-0, Venkatarama 9-1-0-32-1, A. Sharma 2-0-5-0	
Result: match drawn	

## Glasgow Celtic beat Liverpool on penalties

DUBAI, April 5. (AP): Glasgow Celtic of Scotland defeated England's Liverpool 5-3 on penalties to win the Dubai Champion's Cup after scores were 1-1 at the final whistle.

Celtic led 1-0 at half-time through a 12th minute goal by skipper Mark McGee.

Liverpool, paced by international forward John Barnes and skipper Ronnie Whelan, fought their way back into the game with some crisp passing.

## Equaliser

John Aldridge scored the equaliser in the 73rd with a scorching shot that sent Celtic goalie Pat Bonner diving in vain.

Shots by Andy Walker and Lex Bailie put Celtic at a decisive two goals up in the penalty shoot-out.

The brisk-paced match was watched by a crowd of 7,000 at the Al Maktoum stadium. The Dubai Cup match is contested by the English and Scottish League champions. It was last played in 1987, when Glasgow Rangers beat Everton on penalties.

The teams reportedly were

paid more than £25,000 (\$43,000) in appearance money for the match.

## Teams

LIVERPOOL: Bruce Grobelaar, Gary Ablett (John Aldridge), David Burrows (Steve Staunton), Steve Nichol, Ronnie Whelan, Gary Gillespie, Peter Beardsley, Barry Venison, Ray Houghton, John Barnes, Steve McMahon.

CELTIC: Pat Bonner, Chris Morris, Anton Rogan, Steve McCahill, Mick McCarthy, Peter Grant, Joe Miller (Ian Andrews), Paul McStay, Tommy Coyne, Mark McGee, Steve Fulton, Lex Bailie.

## Steaua crush Galatasaray

BUCHAREST, April 5. (Reuters): Steaua Bucharest of Romania crushed Galatasaray of Turkey 4-0 today to move within easy reach of their second European Cup final appearance in four seasons.

The Romanian Army team, winners of the trophy in 1986 when they beat Barcelona in Seville, set up the prospect of another trip to Spain for this year's final in Barcelona with an overwhelming performance.

Goals by Ilie Dumitrescu, after eight minutes, and Gheorghe Hagi, from the penalty spot after 40, secured a 2-0 interval lead and further efforts from Dan Patrescu and Gavril Balint in the second period secured a commanding advantage for the second leg in two weeks time.

Steaua began with great élan and swept in front when winger Iosif Rotariu streaked past four defenders to set up Ilie Dumitrescu. His low shot from eight metres gave goalkeeper Zoran Simovic no chance.

Galatasaray, the first Turkish team to reach the last four of any of the three European club soccer competitions, packed their defence in a bid to hold out, but the Steaua onslaught continued unabated — though they had to wait until five minutes before the interval for their second goal.

Striker Victor Piturca was the creator with a stealthy run which carried him behind the Turks' defence and into space. Erhan Onal brought him down to concede a penalty which Gheorghe Hagi converted with aplomb.

It was the same story after the interval with Steaua, almost unbelievably, increasing the pace of their game.

The third goal came in the 68th minute when Dumitrescu and Marius Lacatus combined to set up defender Dan Patrescu whose 16-metre shot flew through a crowd of players and past the unsighted Simovic.

Four minutes later, Gavril Balint, a 65th minute substitute for Nicolae Ungureanu, scored after a brilliant move by Hagi who beat three men on a darting run into the penalty area before setting up the defender for a scoring finish from 10 metres.

## European Cup Winners' Cup semifinal

## Barcelona beat CSKA Sofia in first leg

BARCELONA, Spain, April 5. (Reuters): Barcelona beat CSKA Sofia 4-2 in their European Cup Winners' Cup semifinal first leg match today but their berth in their final looked far from assured after a lacklustre performance.

Careless defending let Bulgarian striker Christo Stoichkov seize two precious away goals that may be crucial in the return leg.

## Volley

And although a booming volley from Julio Salinas and a Jose Bakero diving header warded off the prospect of an embarrassing draw, sloppy finishing left the Catalans without the clear advantage they wanted to make the second leg a formality.

Barcelona started in furious fashion, throwing 10 men into the Bulgarians' half from the whistle, but lost heart after the initial flurry had no effect.

Sredets, hanging on desperately, then shocked the Camp Nou's paltry 20,000 crowd into silence in the 24th minute, striker Stoichkov lobbing the ball over international goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta's head as he raced between two defenders to put the Bulgarians into the lead.

Barcelona bore the catcalls of their angry supporters for 12 minutes before answering them, suddenly bursting into life with two goals in 40 seconds.

England international striker Gary Lineker rammed the ball home from close range from a Jose Bakero cross in the 36th minute, and libero Guillermo Amor, the architect of most of Barcelona's openings in the match, dribbled through a reeling Sredets defence from the restart to blast the second from 20 metres.

Showing more fire in the second half but with chances still going begging at the feet of Lineker and Julio Alberto, Barcelona stretched their lead in the 48th minute with a diving header from striker Bakero as winger Aitor Beguiristain angled the ball in.

But the Catalans threw away the advantage after 67 minutes, back Ricardo Serna clumsily bringing down the industrious Bulgarian striker Lachezar Tanev for a penalty which Stoichkov drove home.

Johan Cruyff's side threw everything into the attack in the final minutes and were rewarded when Julio Salinas latched onto a Roberto Fernandez cross to leave Barcelona the frustrated 4-2 winners.

Teams BARCELONA: Andoni Zubizarreta, Ricardo Serna, Aloisio Pires, Julio Alberto, Eusebio Sacristan, Guillermo Amor, Jose Bakero, Roberto Fernandez, Gary Lineker, Julio Salinas, Aitor Beguiristain.

CSKA SOFIA: Ilija Valev, Medialko Mladenov, Prifon Ivanov, Georgi Dimitrov, Stefan Bachev, Emil Kostadinov, Ivailo Kirov, Krasimir Besinski, Petar Vitinov, Christo Stoichkov, Lachezar Tanev.

## Marseille go top of League

PARIS, April 5. (Reuters): Marseille took over the lead in the French First Division from Paris Saint Germain yesterday with a 1-0 victory over sixth-placed Nantes.

Marseille owed their victory to a penalty by international striker Jean-Claude Papin one minute into the second half after a Nantes defender handled the ball.

## Union beat Kokan Cricketers to lift cup



Arshad receiving the cup from Aziz

claimed by Qasem, Abrar, Aslam and Bader one each. After the game, Arshad, captain of Union

was presented with the winning cup by Aziz of the Al Mulla Group.

## Gower regains captaincy

LONDON, April 5. (Reuters): David Gower regained the England cricket captaincy today, three years after he lost it.

Gower, who has scored 7,000 runs in 100 Tests, was appointed by the England selection committee for this summer's three one-day matches and the six-Test Ashes series against Australia.

The Leicestershire batsman, 32 last Saturday, led England 26 times before he was sacked in June 1986 after losing the first Test against India at Lord's by five wickets.

Gower skipped England when Australia last visited England in 1985, leading them to a 3-1 victory in the Test series and enjoying a magnificent series with a huge batting contribution of 732 runs, including scores of 166, 215 and 157.

The selectors said in a statement at Lord's: "The committee has invited David Gower to captain England for the Ashes series and the one-day internationals and is delighted that he has accepted."

Gower gained the selectors' vote against the strong challenge of two of last season's England captains, Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch.

Gatting, who took over from Gower in 1986, was sacked last year after a wave of publicity over entertaining a barmaid in his hotel room during the Trent Bridge Test against the West Indies.

Gooch, captain for the final two Tests of last summer, led England to their last Test win over Sri Lanka at Lord's in August and was subsequently appointed captain for the abortive tours of India and New Zealand.

Gower became a leading candidate as soon as swashbuckling former England captain Tex Dexter took over as chairman of the selectors last month.

The two have a similar approach to cricket and Dexter sees Gower as the ideal man for a new era.

In Gower's last reign, England won five Tests, drew seven and lost 14, 10 in succession against the all-conquering West Indies,

## Norway and Switzerland win in ice hockey championships

OSLO, Norway, April 5. (AP): Stephen Foyn scored fractions of a second before the game ended and Norway narrowly beat last-seeded Denmark 3-2 in the fourth round of the B-pool World Ice Hockey Championships last night.

Norway leads the pool with eight points as the teams head into the fifth of seven scheduled rounds.

Top-seeded Switzerland is second with six points after beating East Germany 3-0 at Lillehammer.

## Lost

Italy and France, seeded sixth and fourth, have five points each after they tied 3-3 in a tight match also played at Lillehammer.

Third-seeded Austria beat Japan 4-2 at Oslo. Austria and East Germany have four points each.

The pool winner will qualify for A-pool play next year in Basel, Switzerland.

Seventh-seeded Japan, a B-pool newcomer, and eighth-seeded Denmark have lost their

four games. Denmark still has never beaten Norway in world championship matches but came close to humiliating the second-seeded host country yesterday.

Jesper Duus scored Denmark's first goal. Geir Hoff tied 1-1 with 10 seconds to go of the first period, but Jens Nielsen sent Denmark ahead 2-1 only 10 seconds into the second period. Duus and Nielsen play league hockey for two Swedish teams.

Norway's Cato Andersen evened the score at 2-2 with 5:07 minutes left in the final period. Norway pressed on desperately and Foyn finally scored the winner.

The goal came so late that the hard-fighting Danes protested and demanded that the goal be disallowed. But Austrian referee Siegfried Pfarrkirchner rejected the protest and ruled the goal was good.

Norway plays Austria today. France on Friday and finally Switzerland on Sunday. Switzerland faces France on Thursday and Austria on Saturday before meeting Norway.

## Softer greens delight Masters players

AUGUSTA, GA., April 5. (Reuters): After two years of hard times on the greens of Augusta National Golf Club, leading Masters contenders yesterday had nothing but praise for the putting surfaces they found this week.

"It's a different course this year," said Tom Kite. "The greens are fast and firm but not hard. There's a big difference between firm and hard."

In the past two years, players have complained about the hardness of Augusta's greens, whose ample size and severe slopes make an otherwise unimposing golf course one of the greatest challenges in the game.

"The golf course shouldn't be a pansy. But I think it is set up properly right now," said Kite, who has won two tournaments this year and has twice tied for second place in the US Masters.

"As hard as the greens got the last two years, especially last year, you really had to be hitting short irons into the greens to have a chance to hold them," he said.



Four-time Masters champion Arnold Palmer. (Reuters wirephoto)

Reigning US Open champion Curtis Strange was also delighted with the condition of the greens of the 6,905-yard, par-72 course, the permanent home of the Mas-

ters. "They're perfect right now," said Strange, a veteran of 12 Masters. "Possibly the best I've ever seen them."

## IAC Badminton Tournament

MRS & Mr George Tharian moved to the finals of couples' doubles by beating Mrs & Mr Jacob Mathews 15-8, 15-11 in the IAC Badminton Tournament.

In another exciting semifinal doubles encounter Reji Joseph and Cherry George overpowered J.S. Anand & M.M. Joshi 15-7, 15-7.

In veterans' singles semifinals Bal Sharma made short work of Robert Henry 15-5, 15-4. M.M. Joshi went down fighting to Jacob Mathews 12-15, 15-10, 15-5.

## Fixtures for today

Finals: (7:00 pm onwards): Women's singles: Asha Kutty vs Remy John.

Men's singles: Reji Joseph vs George Joseph.

Women's doubles: Reeny Tharian & Suja Varghese vs Shobha Nair & Roshini Edison or Remy John & Susan Jacob.

Men's doubles: George Joseph & Louis Gonsalves vs Reji Joseph & Cherry George.

Mixed doubles: Susan Jacob & Cherry George vs Reeny Tharian & Sivanumar.

This tournament has been sponsored by P.K. Merwah and Jashanmal and Partners with additional prizes offered by Lipton Tea Company and Adidas.

The tournament has been organised by K.T. Abraham, convenor; M.M. Joshi, secretary; and other members of the IAC.

For the finals entry to non-IAC members is restricted by passes. Further details may be obtained from manager, IAC. Tel. 3904817.



Cherry George (left) and Reji Joseph double's finalists



Bal Sharma during a semifinal action in veterans singles